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1. EVENT STATUS

1.1 Event Authority

The European Deaf Youth Games (EDYG) Futsal competition is organised under the authority of the European Deaf Sports Organisation (EDSO).

The sport-specific organisation and technical supervision shall be conducted by the EDSO Futsal/Football Youth Director in cooperation with the Local Organising Committee (LOC).

The LOC shall be responsible for venue operations, logistics, scheduling, and on-site organisation.

All technical and regulatory authority remains with EDSO.

1.2 Event Type / Sport Status

EDYG Futsal is a youth team sport competition.

It is conducted as a structured international tournament format.

It is designed to:

- promote participation in international Deaf sport,
- support athlete development,
- provide competitive experience for young athletes,
- and encourage long-term engagement in Futsal.

EDYG Futsal is not an elite championship and does not serve as a qualification event for ICSD competitions, World Deaf Championships or Deaflympics.

1.3 Event Level

EDYG Futsal is conducted at the continental youth level under EDSO authority.

It constitutes an official European youth competition for Deaf athletes.

1.4 Sport Classification

Futsal is classified as a team sport.

All competitions within EDYG Futsal are conducted exclusively in team format.

The sport is played in accordance with the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game, with adaptations defined for Deaf sport and youth development where applicable.

No individual competitions are organised.

Mixed competitions are not organised.

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1.5 Competition Categories

The following competition categories may be organised at the EDYG Futsal competition:

- Boys
- Girls

The final confirmation of categories to be conducted shall depend on the number of registered teams and shall be published in the applicable Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

EDSO reserves the right to cancel or merge categories if minimum participation requirements are not met.

1.6 Qualification Competitions

No qualification competitions are required for participation in EDYG Futsal.

Participation is based on open entry, subject to the limits, eligibility rules and entry procedures defined in these Technical Regulations.

1.7 Advancement Pathways

The EDYG Futsal competition does not serve as a qualification event for:

- European Deaf Championships (EDC)
- World Deaf Championships
- World Deaf Youth Games
- Deaflympics

The competition serves exclusively as a developmental, educational and participation-oriented platform for Deaf youth athletes.

No automatic advancement, ranking points or qualification rights shall apply.

1.8 Ranking, Seeding and Cycle Systems

Results achieved at the EDYG Futsal competition do not form part of any ICSD, FIFA or international ranking system.

However, results from the EDYG Futsal U19 competition may be taken into account for the internal EDSO Football / Futsal Youth Ranking System, where applicable.

Such ranking use shall serve exclusively for:

youth development monitoring,

internal EDSO evaluation purposes,

and future competition planning within the EDSO football and futsal pathway.

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No automatic qualification rights, international ranking points or advancement to elite competitions shall result from participation in EDYG Futsal.

Any seeding or grouping applied within the EDYG Futsal competition shall be based solely on event-specific criteria and shall be communicated in advance via the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

2. PARTICIPANTS & ELIGIBILITY

2.1 Invitation / Nomination

Participation in the EDYG Futsal competition is subject to official nomination.

All National Deaf Sports Federations (NDSFs) in good standing with EDSO are entitled to nominate athletes for participation.

Only athletes duly nominated by their respective NDSF are eligible to compete.

Entries may only be submitted by authorised representatives of the respective NDSFs.

2.2 Eligibility

Participation in the competition is restricted to athletes who fulfil all eligibility requirements defined by EDSO and ICSD.

All athletes must:

- hold a valid ICSD athlete registration number,
- be registered with a National Deaf Sports Federation recognised by ICSD,
- possess a valid and ICSD-recognised audiogram in accordance with the ICSD Audiogram Regulations.

Athletes without a valid ICSD ID and recognised audiogram are not eligible to compete.

2.2.1 Hearing Eligibility

Participation is restricted to athletes who are deaf and/or hard of hearing.

All athletes must comply with the ICSD Audiogram Regulations.

A minimum hearing loss of 55 dB in the better ear is required.

Audiograms shall be verified in accordance with the applicable ICSD procedures.

The use of hearing aids, cochlear implants or similar hearing devices is prohibited in the Restricted Zone.

2.2.2 Age Eligibility

EDYG Futsal is a youth-level competition.

Age eligibility is defined by year of birth, not by exact date of birth.

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The following age categories apply:

Category	Year of Birth
Boys U19	2008 - 2012
Girls U19	2008 – 2012

The exact grouping into competitions depends on the number of registered athletes and shall be confirmed in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

EDSO reserves the right to merge or adapt age categories if required to ensure meaningful competition.

All athletes who are sixteen (16) years of age or younger must obtain written permission from their parents or legal guardians and, where applicable, from their educational authorities.

2.2.3 Compliance

Only athletes who comply with:

- the EDSO Statutes,
- the EDSO General Regulations,
- the EDYG General Provisions (Part I1),
- and the present Technical Regulations

are eligible to participate.

2.3 Number of Teams

Each NDSF may enter a maximum of one (1) team in the EDYG Futsal competition.

No second or reserve teams are permitted.

2.4 Qualified Teams / Athletes

Participation is based on open entry, subject to:

- maximum team limits,
- organisational capacity,
- and youth safeguarding considerations.

If the number of registered teams exceeds the maximum allowed, EDSO reserves the right to apply:

- quota systems,
- prioritisation criteria,
- or selection principles,

which shall be published in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

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2.5 Maximum Number of Athletes and Team Officials per NDSF

2.5.1 Athletes

Each National Deaf Sports Federation (NDSF) may enter and field a maximum number of athletes for participation in the EDYG Futsal competition as follows:

Category	Maximum
Boys	14
Girls	14

This quota defines the maximum number of athletes who may be accredited and allowed to compete for each NDSF.

No NDSF may exceed this overall athlete quota.

2.5.2 Team Officials

In addition to the registered athletes, each National Deaf Sports Federation (NDSF) may accredit team officials in accordance with its own organisational needs.

For EDYG Futsal events, no fixed maximum number of team officials per delegation is prescribed for accreditation purposes. The composition and number of team officials (e.g. coaches, head of delegation, medical staff, interpreters and support personnel) shall be determined at the discretion of the respective NDSF, subject to overall event capacity and accreditation policies.

However, for match operations and access to the field of play and technical areas, the following limits shall apply:

- a maximum of six (6) team officials, including one (1) team doctor, may be present in the technical area / on the team bench;
- up to two (2) interpreters may be present, subject to operational and space constraints.

Only officials duly accredited and authorised for the respective access zones may enter the technical area during matches.

The final confirmation of accredited team officials, including categories, numbers and access rights, shall be determined by the Organising Committee and communicated via the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

2.6 Team Composition

Each team shall consist of a maximum of fourteen (14) players.

Only players listed on the approved team roster are eligible to participate in the competition.

During a match, a maximum of five (5) players (four field players and one goalkeeper) may be on the field at the same time, in accordance with the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game.

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All players must meet the eligibility requirements defined in Chapter 2.2.

2.7 Number of Reserves / Substitutes

No additional players may be added after the final entry deadlines.

A listed player may only be substituted in case of serious injury and no later than 16 August 2026, provided that:

- the EDSO Futsal/Football Youth Director has received a detailed medical report in English,
- the injury has been reviewed and approved by the EDSO Sports Medicine Committee,
- the substitute player is selected exclusively from the Form 3 (extended player list).

Once approved, the National Deaf Sports Federation must immediately inform the EDSO Futsal/Football Youth Director of the substitution.

After 16 August 2026, no substitutions or changes shall be permitted.

2.8 Competition Entry Standards

No sporting qualification standards apply.

EDYG Futsal is a development-oriented competition, and participation is based on nomination and eligibility.

2.9 Competition Entry Rules

Only an authorised representative of each NDSF is allowed to submit entries.

All entries must be submitted using the official EDSO forms or platforms.

2.10 Non-Starting Teams (DNS / No-Show)

Teams that are entered but do not start (DNS) or withdraw are subject to financial and/or sporting sanctions.

In accordance with the EDSO Schedule of Fees:

- withdrawal after Form 2 and before the official draw may result in a EUR 1,000 fine,
- withdrawal after the official draw or during the competition period may result in a EUR 5,000 fine.

Exemptions may apply only in cases of force majeure or serious medical justification, subject to EDSO approval.

3. ENTRIES & REGISTRATION

3.1 Entry Procedure

Entries for EDYG Futsal shall be submitted exclusively by the National Deaf Sports Federations (NDSFs).

All entries must be submitted using the official EDSO registration forms or platforms.

Entries shall be sent to the EDSO Futsal/Football Youth Director, with a copy to the EDSO Representative and the Organising Committee.

3.2 Entry Phases

EDYG Futsal follows the standard multi-phase entry system for team sports.

Due to the youth-development character of the EDYG, flexibility may be applied within the defined framework.

The following phases apply:

Phase 1 – Preliminary (Form 1)

NDSFs shall submit a non-binding preliminary entry indicating their intention to participate and the expected number of athletes.

Standard deadline: **30 June 2025**

This phase serves to:

- estimate participation numbers,
- support scheduling and court allocation,
- determine group and competition structures.

Phase 2 – Final Entry (Form 2)

NDSFs shall submit their binding number of athletes per gender and age category.

Standard deadline: **16 January 2026**

For EDYG Futsal, each NDSF may register a maximum of one (1) team per gender category.

For EDYG Futsal, additional teams may be entered after the Form 2 deadline up to one (1) day before the official draw, subject to organisational capacity and approval by EDSO.

Such late additions shall not be permitted after the official draw.

Phase 3 – Provisional Name List (Form 3)

NDSFs shall submit a provisional and extended list of players.

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- This list may include:
- up to twenty-five (25) players per team,

all players potentially eligible for substitution.

Standard deadline: **16 July 2026**

This phase serves for:

- eligibility verification,
- medical and safeguarding checks,
- preparation for potential substitutions.

Phase 4 – Final Name List (Form 4)

NDSFs shall submit the final and binding team roster.

Only players listed on Form 4 shall be eligible to participate, unless substitution is approved under Article 3.3.

Standard deadline: **2 August 2026**

Only athletes included on the Final Name List are eligible to compete, unless replacement rules apply.

3.2.1 Charge Athletes Registration (Substitutions with Medical Approval)

A listed player may only be substituted in case of serious injury and no later than 16 August 2026, provided that:

- the EDSO Futsal/Football Youth Director has received a detailed medical report in English,
- the injury has been reviewed and approved by the EDSO Sports Medicine Committee,
- the substitute player is selected exclusively from the Form 3 list.

Once approved, the NDSF must immediately inform the EDSO Futsal/Football Youth Director.

Substitutions approved under this article may be subject to applicable administrative fees.

3.2.2 No Charge Athletes Registration

After 16 August 2026, no substitutions, changes or additional entries shall be permitted.

This applies to:

- players,
- teams,
- officials included on competition-related forms.

3.3 Entry Limits

Participation in the EDYG Futsal competition is subject to entry limits.

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For EDYG Futsal, the following limits apply:

- A maximum of twelve (12) teams per gender category may be admitted.
- Each National Deaf Sports Federation (NDSF) may enter one (1) team per gender category only.

If the number of registered teams exceeds the maximum capacity, EDSO reserves the right to apply:

- priority criteria,
- entry caps,
- or selection mechanisms.

Any such measures shall be published in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

3.4 Reserve Athletes

Each team may nominate reserve players within the maximum team size defined in Chapter 2.

No additional players beyond the permitted team roster may be accredited.

Reserve players must be included on the provisional name list (Form 3).

3.5 Late Entries & Changes

Late entries or changes after the applicable deadlines require explicit approval by EDSO.

Such approvals shall only be granted in exceptional and justified cases, in particular for:

- serious medical reasons,
- force majeure,
- safeguarding-related issues.

No late entries shall be accepted after the final name list deadline unless explicitly authorised by EDSO.

3.6 Non-Start, Withdrawal & Penalties

In case of team withdrawal, the following EDSO fee regulations apply:

- Withdrawal after Form 2 submission and before the official draw:
EUR 1,000 per team
- Withdrawal after the official draw and until the end of the event:
EUR 5,000 per team

These fees apply unless a duly justified and approved exemption is granted by EDSO.

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3.7 Maximum Numbers of Teams

The maximum number of teams admitted to the EDYG Futsal competition is:

- Twelve (12) teams per gender category

If the number of registered teams exceeds this limit, EDSO reserves the right to:

- apply quota systems,
- prioritise entries,
- or adjust the competition format.

Any such measures shall be published in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

3.8 Accreditation Fees

Participation in the European Deaf Youth Games (EDYG) is subject to an accreditation fee payable to EDSO.

Unless otherwise specified in the sport-specific Technical Regulations, an accreditation fee of EUR 30 per person shall apply for:

- athletes,
- coaches,
- team officials,
- team leaders,
- physiotherapists,
- interpreters,
- and any other accredited delegation members.

This accreditation fee is payable to EDSO and is mandatory for all persons accredited for participation in EDYG events.

3.8.1 Sport-Specific Exception – Beach Volleyball

For EDYG Beach Volleyball, the following exception applies:

- An accreditation fee of EUR 50 per pair shall apply for each competing beach volleyball pair (two athletes together).
- This pair-based accreditation fee replaces the individual athlete fee for beach volleyball athletes only.

All non-athlete delegation members (coaches, officials, interpreters, etc.) remain subject to the standard EUR 30 per person accreditation fee.

3.8.2 Local Organising Committee (LOC) Fees

Any additional fees charged by the Local Organising Committee (LOC), including but not limited to accommodation, meals, transport or local services, are not included in the EDSO accreditation fee.

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Such LOC-related fees shall be invoiced separately by the LOC and are governed exclusively by the event-specific participation package.

4. COMPETITION RULES

4.1 Governing Rules

All EDYG Futsal competitions shall be conducted in accordance with the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game, in their valid version.

In addition, the following shall apply:

- the EDSO General Regulations,
- the EDSO Technical Regulations Handbook (Part E),
- these EDYG Futsal Technical Regulations.

In case of conflict, these EDYG Futsal Technical Regulations shall prevail, unless ICSD provisions are explicitly applicable.

4.2 Deaf-Specific Adaptations

The following deaf-specific adaptations shall apply:

- Visual signals shall replace acoustic signals where required.
- Referees and officials shall ensure that all instructions and decisions are clearly visible.
- Visual or written announcements may be used for match calls, substitutions and time management.
- Match supervision shall take into account communication accessibility for Deaf athletes.

All FIFA and ICSD regulations concerning hearing devices apply.

4.3 Competition System and Match Format

4.3.1 General Structure

The EDYG Futsal competition shall be conducted with a maximum of twelve (12) teams per gender category, using:

- a group stage,
- followed by knockout and classification matches.

4.3.2 Group Stage

The twelve (12) participating teams shall be divided into three (3) groups of four (4) teams each.

Each team shall play all other teams in its group once.

Matchday Structure (per group)

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- Matchday 1:
Team 2 vs Team 4
Team 3 vs Team 1
- Matchday 2:
Team 3 vs Team 2
Team 1 vs Team 4
- Matchday 3:
Team 4 vs Team 3
Team 1 vs Team 2

4.3.3 Quarterfinals, Semi-Finals and Classifications

After the group stage, teams shall advance as follows:

Quarterfinals:

- A1 vs C2
- B1 vs A/C3
- C1 vs A/B3
- A2 vs B2

The winners of the quarterfinals will play semi-finals: (A1/C2 v B1/AC3) (C1/AB3 v A2/B2).
The losers of the quarterfinals will play for the 5th to 8th places.

4.3.4 Consolidation Matches

After the Group Stage, the 3rd placed team of each group shall play consolidation semi-finals: (ABC3 v BC4) (A4 v BC4).

The winners of the consolidation semi-finals will play for the 9th to 10th places. The losers of the consolidation semi-finals will play for the 11th to 12th places.

4.3.5 Finals

- Winners of the semi-finals play the final (1st–2nd place)
- Losers of the semi-finals play for 3rd–4th place

4.3.6 Ranking within Groups

Group rankings shall be determined by:

- 1) points obtained (3–1–0),
- 2) points in direct encounters,
- 3) goal difference in direct encounters,
- 4) goals scored in direct encounters,
- 5) overall goal difference,
- 6) overall goals scored,
- 7) disciplinary points (yellow = 1, red = 3),
- 8) drawing of lots.

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4.4 Field of Play & Equipment

Matches shall be played on indoor futsal courts compliant with FIFA standards.

The EDYG Futsal competition shall be conducted at the following venues:

- Humboldtschule Hannover, Ricklinger Str. 95, 30449 Hannover
- Goetheschule Hannover, Franziusweg 43, 30167 Hannover

The allocation of matches to venues shall be published in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

All goals, balls and equipment must comply with FIFA Futsal standards.

4.4.1 Competition Equipment

Balls

- adidas match ball - FIFA World Cup 26™ Trionda

4.5 Equipment Control / Verification

The Technical Committee and match officials may conduct equipment checks before or during matches.

Non-compliant equipment may be rejected.

4.6 Youth-Specific Provisions

Due to the youth-development character of the EDYG:

- adequate rest periods between matches shall be ensured,
- daily match load may be limited,
- safeguarding and welfare principles apply at all times,
- medical supervision shall be available.

Any such adaptations shall be communicated in advance and confirmed at the Technical Meeting.

4.7 Additional Match Provisions

4.7.1 Match Duration

Each match consists of:

- two (2) halves of twenty (20) minutes.

4.7.2 Extra Time and Penalties

Knockout matches ending in a draw shall be decided by:

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- extra time (2 × 5 minutes),
- followed by penalty kicks if required,

in accordance with FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game.

5. EVENT PROGRAMME

5.1 Disciplines / Events Offered

The following disciplines and events shall be offered in EDYG Futsal, subject to the minimum participation requirements being met:

5.1.1 Boys' Futsal Competition

- Boys' Futsal (Team competition)

5.1.2 Girls' Futsal Competition

- Girls' Futsal (Team competition)

(Note: The actual conduct of the girls' competition depends on the number of registered teams and may be subject to programme adjustments as defined in Chapter 5.6 and Chapter 12.)

No mixed-gender competitions shall be conducted in EDYG Futsal.

5.2 Confirmation of Programme

The final event programme shall be confirmed after the completion of the final entry phase (Form 2).

The Organising Committee, in cooperation with the EDSO Futsal/Football Youth Director, shall determine:

- which gender categories will be conducted,
- the final number of participating teams per category,
- the detailed competition structure and match schedule.

The confirmed programme shall be published in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

5.3 Timetable

The EDYG Futsal competitions are scheduled within the official EDYG event period:

17–23 August 2026

The EDYG Futsal competition is scheduled as follows:

- Official training: 15 August 2026
- First competition match: 16 August 2026
- Rest day: 19 August 2026

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- Final matches: 22 August 2026

The competition shall take place between 16–22 August 2026.

The detailed daily match schedule shall be:

- published on the official event website: www.dg-sportjugend.de/de/edyg-2026
- confirmed at the Technical Meeting.

EDSO reserves the right to adjust matchdays and kick-off times for organisational, logistical or sporting reasons.

5.4. Minimum Participation Requirements

5.4.1 Team Competitions

A Futsal competition shall only be conducted if the following minimum requirements are met:

- at least four (4) teams per gender category,

If the minimum requirements are not met, the respective competition may be cancelled or adjusted.

5.5. Competition System and Formats

The competition system shall be based on:

- a group stage,
- followed by knockout and classification matches.

The exact competition format, including:

- group composition,
- advancement rules,
- classification matches,

shall be defined in accordance with Chapter 4 and confirmed after the close of entries.

5.6. Programme Adjustments

EDSO reserves the right to adapt the competition programme in order to ensure:

- meaningful competition,
- athlete safety and welfare,
- appropriate workload for youth athletes,
- operational and logistical feasibility.

Possible adjustments include:

- cancellation of a gender category,
- modification of the competition format,

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- reduction of match numbers,
- rescheduling of matches.

All programme adjustments shall be communicated to the participating NDSFs without delay and, where applicable, published in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

6. TECHNICAL MEETING

6.1 General Provisions

A Technical Meeting shall be held prior to the start of the EDYG Futsal competition.

The Technical Meeting serves as the official forum for:

- confirmation of team entries and eligibility,
- confirmation of squad lists and player numbers,
- clarification of competition rules and match procedures,
- explanation of the competition format and match schedule,
- confirmation of disciplinary and protest procedures,
- clarification of safety, medical and safeguarding provisions,
- and the adoption of binding technical decisions.

All decisions taken at the Technical Meeting shall be binding for the competition.

6.2 Date, Time and Location

The date, time and location of the Technical Meeting shall be determined by EDSO and the Organising Committee.

Date - Time		Location
15.08.2026, XX:XX	First Technical Meeting	TBA
21.08.2026, XX:XX	Second Technical Meeting	TBA

This information shall be published in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin and communicated to all participating National Deaf Sports Federations.

6.3 Attendance

Each participating National Deaf Sports Federation (NDSF) may send up to two officials, at least one of whom must be deaf. In addition, a maximum of one interpreter may accompany the country if the second official is not deaf.

6.4 Chair and Organisation

The Technical Meeting shall be chaired by the EDSO Futsal/Football Youth Director or by a person designated by EDSO.

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The Organising Committee and the Sports Liaison Officer (SLO) shall support the organisation of the Technical Meeting, including:

- room booking,
- provision of interpretation,
- distribution of documents,
- and preparation of attendance lists.

6.5 Languages and Accessibility

The official working language of the Technical Meeting shall be English. International Sign Language (ISL) interpretation shall be provided.

All important information shall be communicated in a visually accessible manner.

6.6 Agenda and Content

The agenda of the Technical Meeting shall normally include:

- confirmation of participating teams and final squad lists,
- confirmation of player eligibility and substitutions,
- explanation of the competition format (group stage, knock-out and classification matches),
- explanation of match scheduling and venues,
- clarification of FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game and deaf-specific adaptations,
- explanation of disciplinary sanctions and card system,
- explanation of protest procedures and deadlines,
- confirmation of training sessions and matchday procedures,
- restricted zone – field of play (futsal court, team benches and officials' areas)
- safety and medical instructions,
- and any other relevant technical matters.

6.7 Binding Effect of Decisions

All technical clarifications, interpretations and decisions made during the Technical Meeting shall be binding.

Delegations are responsible for informing their players, coaches and officials accordingly.

7. TRAINING & WARM-UP

7.1 Official Training

Official training sessions shall be organised prior to the start of the EDYG Futsal competition.

The official training serves to:

- familiarise teams with the playing venue and court conditions,
- allow teams to adapt to lighting, flooring and spatial conditions,

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- ensure safe and fair preparation for competition.

Participation in official training sessions is optional unless otherwise stated.

7.2 Training Schedule

The official training schedule shall be determined by the Organising Committee in coordination with EDSO and the EDSO Futsal/Football Youth Director.

For EDYG Futsal, the following applies:

- Official training day: 15 August 2026
- Training times: TBA
- Training venues:
 - Humboldtschule Hannover, Ricklinger Str. 95, 30449 Hannover
 - Goetheschule Hannover, Franziusweg 43, 30167 Hannover

The detailed training schedule, including time slots and court allocations, shall be published in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin and/or on the official event website.

7.3 Warm-Up Areas

Prior to each match, teams shall be granted an official warm-up period on or near the competition court.

Warm-up procedures shall be organised to ensure:

- equal preparation opportunities for both teams,
- safe movement and ball handling,
- orderly transition between matches.

The duration and structure of the warm-up shall be defined by the Organising Committee and confirmed at the Technical Meeting.

7.4 Restricted Zone

The Restricted Zone includes all competition and operational areas within the futsal venue that form part of the Field of Play (FOP) and competition environment.

The Restricted Zone includes in particular:

- the futsal court,
- the area surrounding the court, including safety and run-off zones,
- team benches and substitution areas,
- the scorer's table and officials' areas,
- the technical areas,
- designated warm-up areas within the field of play,
- the Call Area (if applicable),
- and any other areas designated by the Technical Committee.

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The Restricted Zone extends to the clearly marked boundaries separating competition areas from spectator and public zones.

Within the Restricted Zone, the use of any hearing aids, amplification systems, cochlear implants, or external cochlear implant parts is strictly prohibited.

All applicable ICSD and EDSO Audiogram Regulations apply.

7.4.1 Hearing Devices (Audiogram Regulations)

In accordance with the ICSD Audiogram Regulations, athletes participating in EDYG 2026 Futsal are strictly prohibited from using any hearing aids or cochlear implant devices within the Restricted Zone during warm-up and competition.

For EDYG Futsal, the Restricted Zone applies from the moment athletes enter the competition court, designated warm-up areas, technical areas, or Call Area (if used), and remains in effect throughout the entire warm-up and competition period.

7.4.2 Authority

The authority within the Restricted Zone lies with the Referees, the Third Official, the Timekeeper, and other competition officials appointed by the Technical Committee.

The Referees have final authority regarding the interpretation and enforcement of Restricted Zone regulations.

7.4.3 Violation and Penalty

In Futsal, violations of the ICSD Audiogram Regulations within the Restricted Zone shall be sanctioned in accordance with the sport-specific provisions defined below, which supersede the standard ICSD disqualification procedure.

If an athlete is found to be using a hearing aid, amplification system, cochlear implant, or any external cochlear implant part within the Restricted Zone during a match, the following sanctions shall apply:

- The offending player shall be dismissed from the field of play and shall take no further part in the match.
- The dismissal shall be sanctioned with a red card issued by the referee.
- The player's accreditation card shall be withdrawn for the remainder of the event.
- The player's team shall continue the match with one player less for a period of two (2) minutes, in accordance with the Futsal Laws of the Game.
- After the completion of the two (2) minute period, the team may be completed by a substitute player.

The result of the match shall stand as played and shall not be annulled.

Any further sanctions, including suspension from subsequent matches or the tournament, shall be decided by the Referee in consultation with the Technical Committee and shall be applied in accordance with the [ICSD Audiogram Regulations](#), 8: Violations and Penalties.

8. CHECK-IN / CALL ROOM

8.1 Procedures

Check-in and match control procedures shall apply for all EDYG Futsal matches in order to ensure proper organisation, safety, fairness and match readiness.

All teams, players and officials must comply with the official check-in, match protocol and technical area regulations defined herein.

A classical “Call Room” system does not apply in futsal; however, structured pre-match control procedures are mandatory.

8.2 Timing

The timing of check-in and pre-match procedures shall be defined in the official match schedule and communicated at the Technical Meeting.

As a general rule:

- teams must be present at the competition hall no later than 75 minutes before kick-off,
- official match sheets must be submitted no later than 60 minutes before kick-off.

Failure to respect prescribed timelines may result in disciplinary sanctions, including match forfeiture.

8.3 Substitution & Replacement

Substitution and replacement rules shall be governed by:

- the entry regulations (Chapter 3),
- the squad composition rules (Chapter 2),
- and the applicable FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game.

Player substitutions during matches shall follow the current FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game.

Replacements of registered players are only permitted within the limits and deadlines defined in these Technical Regulations and must be approved by the EDSO Futsal/Football Youth Director.

8.4 Futsal-Specific Provisions

8.4.1 Match Protocol and Pre-Match Countdown

For EDYG Futsal, the following official match protocol shall apply.

The pre-match countdown shall normally be as follows and may be adapted only to account for venue layout or operational requirements:

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Minutes before kick-off	Procedure
75	Teams, referees, EDSO Match Delegate and Referee Observer arrive at the hall
60	Deadline to submit official match sheets
50-15	Team warm-up on the field of play or designated area
10	Teams enter the field of play with official futsal walk-on
6	Line-up facing VIP box (home team on referee team's right)
4	National anthem of the away team*
3	National anthem of the home team*
2	Handshake ceremony and team photos
1	Coin toss
0	Kick-off

* National anthems apply only to semi-finals, 3rd/4th place match and final.

8.4.2 Technical Area Regulations

The following persons are permitted to sit on the substitutes' bench:

- up to six (6) team officials (including one team doctor),
- two (2) interpreters,
- up to nine (9) substitute players.

The maximum number of persons in the technical area is seventeen (17) per team.

All names and functions must be listed on the official match sheet.

Suspended players are not permitted to:

- warm up,
- sit on the substitutes' bench,
- or remain in the technical area on match days.

8.4.3 Fair Play Protocol

At all matches:

- teams shall shake hands with their opponents and the referee team after the line-up ceremony,
- and again after the final whistle,

as a mandatory gesture of fair play.

8.4.4 Failure to Comply

Failure to comply with check-in procedures, match protocols or technical area regulations may result in:

- disciplinary sanctions,
- financial penalties,
- match forfeiture,

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- or further measures decided by the Technical Committee.

8.4.5 Team Colours and Playing Kits

Each team must bring two (2) complete and clearly distinguishable sets of playing kits.

Each kit set must consist of matching:

- jerseys (shirts),
- shorts,
- socks.

The two kit sets must be of clearly different colours to avoid any colour conflict with the opposing team or match officials.

This obligation applies equally to:

- outfield players, and
- goalkeepers.

Goalkeepers must also provide two (2) complete kit sets in colours clearly distinguishable from:

- the opposing goalkeeper,
- both teams' outfield players,
- and the referees.

If a colour conflict arises, the team listed second in the match schedule shall normally be required to change kits, unless otherwise decided by the Referee or Match Delegate.

Failure to comply with kit colour requirements may result in:

- delays to the start of the match,
- compulsory kit change as instructed by officials,
- or disciplinary sanctions in accordance with these Technical Regulations.

9. PROTESTS & DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

9.1 Protests

All protests in EDYG Futsal shall be handled in accordance with:

- the current FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game,
- the EDSO Statutes,
- the EDSO General Regulations,
- these EDYG Futsal Technical Regulations,
- and the applicable EDSO Disciplinary Regulations for Futsal / Football

Futsal applies a sport-specific protest and disciplinary procedure, which differs from the standard EDYG model.

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9.1.1 Lodging a Protest

Any official protest must:

- be submitted in writing in English,
- be completed on the Official EDSO Protest Form,
- be submitted to the EDSO Futsal/Football Youth Director for the match
- be accompanied by a protest deposit of EUR 100,
- be submitted within sixty (60) minutes after the end of the match concerned.

Protests submitted after this time limit shall not be considered.

9.1.2 Classification of Protests

The appointed EDSO Sport Director for the match shall determine whether the protest is:

- sport-related (rules of the game, refereeing decisions, match procedures), or
- eligibility-related (player eligibility, registration, compliance).

Sport-related protests shall be processed under the futsal disciplinary framework.

Eligibility-related protests shall be referred to EDSO for final decision.

9.1.3 Protest Deposit

The protest deposit shall be returned only if the protest is upheld.

If the protest is rejected, the deposit shall be retained.

9.2 Control and Disciplinary Body

For EDYG Futsal, the following disciplinary and adjudication bodies may be appointed:

9.2.1 Technical Committee

The Technical Committee shall be responsible for the technical organisation and supervision of the competition.

It shall normally be composed of:

EDSO Futsal/Football Youth Director (Chair)	Apostolos Margaritidis
EDSO Representative	Burcu Piskin
FIFA-licensed Futsal Referee / Referee Instructor	TBA
Deaf Representative	TBA
Sport Liaison Officer	TBA

The final composition shall be confirmed in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

9.2.2 Protest Handling Structure

For EDYG Futsal, protests and disciplinary matters are adjudicated by the Control and Disciplinary Body, operating under EDSO authority and the applicable futsal disciplinary regulations.

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There is no separate Protest Committee as used in other EDYG sports.

9.3 Protest Review and Decision Procedure

The procedure shall be as follows:

1. The appointed EDSO Sport Director for the match receives the written protest.
2. The protest is formally handed over to the Control and Disciplinary Body.
3. The Control and Disciplinary Body reviews the protest and issues a decision in accordance with the applicable regulations.
4. The decision is communicated back to the relevant EDSO Sport Director,
5. The EDSO Sport Director informs the protesting delegation of the verdict.

9.3.1 Decision Authority

All decisions issued by the Control and Disciplinary Body are:

- final,
- binding for the competition,
- and not subject to appeal during the event, unless otherwise provided by EDSO regulations.

9.4 Cautions, Suspensions and Accumulation of Cards

In EDYG Futsal, disciplinary sanctions resulting from cautions (yellow cards) and dismissals (red cards) shall be applied in accordance with:

- the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game, and
- the applicable EDSO Futsal Disciplinary Regulations.

The following principles apply:

- a) A player who receives two (2) yellow cards in two (2) different matches shall be automatically suspended for the next match.
- b) After serving the suspension, the accumulation of yellow cards continues. A further automatic suspension shall apply after the fourth (4th) yellow card and after each subsequent even-numbered yellow card.
- c) A red card shall result in at least a one-match suspension. The Control and Disciplinary Body may impose additional matches of suspension depending on the severity of the offence.
- d) Suspensions resulting from red cards or accumulated yellow cards shall be served immediately and, where applicable, may carry over to subsequent EDYG matches within the same competition.
- e) Suspended players are not permitted to participate in matches, to warm up, or to sit on the substitutes' bench during the suspension period.

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9.5 Use of Ineligible or Suspended Players

If a team fields or uses a player who is:

- not eligible to participate,
- not properly registered, or
- suspended at the time of the match,

the following sanctions shall apply:

- a) The match shall be declared forfeited by the offending team.
- b) The opposing team shall be awarded a win with a score of 5–0, unless the actual score at the time of the decision is higher, in which case the higher score shall stand.
- c) Additional disciplinary sanctions, including further match suspensions, fines or tournament disqualification, may be imposed by the Control and Disciplinary Body.
- d) Responsibility for verifying player eligibility rests with the participating National Deaf Sports Federation.

9.6 Withdrawal, No-Show and Disqualification During the Competition

If a team:

- withdraws after the start of the competition,
- fails to appear for a scheduled match (no-show), or
- is disqualified during the group stage,

the following rules shall apply:

- a) All matches already played by the team in the group stage shall be declared null and void.
- b) All points, goals scored and goals conceded by or against the team shall be cancelled for ranking purposes.
- c) Remaining scheduled matches involving the team shall not be played.
- d) Financial sanctions shall apply in accordance with the EDSO Schedule of Fees and the applicable EDYG Futsal provisions.

If a team is disqualified or withdraws after the completion of the group stage, the Control and Disciplinary Body shall decide on the sporting consequences on a case-by-case basis.

9.7 Penalties and Financial Sanctions

Disciplinary sanctions, including but not limited to:

- yellow cards,
- second yellow cards,

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- red cards,
- suspensions,
- match forfeits,
- tournament disqualification,

shall be applied in accordance with:

- the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game, and
- the EDSO Futsal Disciplinary Regulations.

In addition to the sporting sanctions defined above, the following financial penalties shall apply under EDSO authority:

Person	Yellow	Yellow - red	Red
Athletes	EUR 40	EUR 80	EUR 120
Coach	EUR 50	EUR 100	EUR 150
Official	EUR 100	EUR 150	EUR 200

9.8 Unforeseen Cases

In cases not explicitly covered by these Technical Regulations:

- the Control and Disciplinary Body shall decide,
- guided by the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game and EDSO regulations.

EDSO retains ultimate authority in all disciplinary and eligibility matters.

10. AWARDS & CEREMONIES

10.1 Location and Procedure of Award Ceremonies

The location, timing and procedure of the award ceremonies shall be determined by the Organising Committee in coordination with EDSO and published in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

Award ceremonies shall normally take place at or near the competition venue after the completion of the respective final or classification matches.

All teams and officials involved in medal ceremonies shall follow the instructions of the organisers and referees.

10.2 Medals

For EDYG Futsal, medals shall be awarded as follows:

- Gold medals for 1st place
- Silver medals for 2nd place
- Bronze medals for 3rd place

Medals are awarded on a team basis.

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Each athlete officially listed on the match sheet for the medal-winning team may receive one medal, up to a maximum of:

- fourteen (14) medals per team, corresponding to the maximum number of registered players.

Medals shall be awarded to athletes only.

Coaches, team officials, medical staff or other delegation members are not entitled to receive medals.

Commemorative items or certificates for coaches and officials may be provided at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

10.3 Trophies, Cups and Team Awards

No trophies, cups or team awards shall be awarded in EDYG Futsal.

At the discretion of the Organising Committee and/or host federation, additional special awards may be presented, such as:

- Fair Play Award
- Best Player
- Best Goalkeeper
- Top Scorer
- Other honorary distinctions

Such special awards:

- are optional,
- have no effect on official rankings or titles,
- and are awarded solely at the discretion of the organiser.

10.4 Certificates and Diplomas

Where applicable, certificates, diplomas or participation confirmations may be issued.

According to EDSO practice, official certificates may be awarded up to 8th place per event.

The design, format and distribution of certificates shall be defined by EDSO and/or the Organising Committee.

11. FINAL PROVISIONS

11.1 Event Modification or Cancellation

EDSO reserves the right to modify, reschedule, suspend or cancel the EDYG Futsal competition, in whole or in part, due to:

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- safety reasons,
- weather conditions,
- force majeure,
- insufficient participation numbers,
- organisational or logistical constraints,
- or other exceptional circumstances.

Any such changes shall be communicated to all participating NDSFs as soon as possible.

11.2 Reactivated / Pilot Sports

As a youth and development-oriented event, EDYG Futsal may be conducted under adapted, simplified or transitional formats.

Such adaptations shall aim to:

- ensure meaningful competition,
- protect athlete welfare,
- promote participation,
- and support long-term athlete development.

These adaptations shall not compromise fairness, safety or sporting integrity.

11.3 Authority

These Technical Regulations are issued under the authority of the European Deaf Sports Organisation (EDSO).

All participants, officials, referees and delegations are bound by these regulations and by the decisions of EDSO and its appointed bodies.

11.4 Language

This Technical Regulation is issued in English.

In case of any discrepancies, ambiguities or differing interpretations, the English version shall prevail.

11.5 Additional Provisions

Any matters not explicitly covered in this EDYG Futsal Technical Regulation shall be governed by:

- the EDSO Statutes,
- the EDSO General Regulations,
- the EDSO Technical Regulations Handbook (Part E),
- Part I – EDYG General Provisions,
- the applicable EDSO Futsal / Football Disciplinary Regulations,
- and the applicable Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

12. ADDENDUM

This Addendum supersedes the standard provisions defined in Chapters 1–11 where explicitly stated.

This Addendum is reserved for future supplementary provisions, clarifications and technical specifications relating to the European Deaf Youth Games (EDYG) Futsal competition.

It may be used to publish:

- additional competition details,
- late technical clarifications,
- updated procedures,
- modified formats,
- safeguarding-related adaptations,
- or newly introduced provisions

which could not reasonably be included in the main body of these Technical Regulations at the time of publication.

Any future addenda shall form an integral part of these EDYG Futsal Technical Regulations and shall be published by EDSO.

Such provisions shall not conflict with:

- the EDSO Statutes,
- the EDSO General Regulations,
- the EDSO Technical Regulations Handbook (Part E),
- Part I – EDYG General Provisions,
- or applicable ICSD Regulations (where relevant).

12.1 Event Programme Adjustment (reference 5.1)

Due to the limited number of registrations received in the girls' category, and in order to ensure meaningful, safe and operationally feasible competition, the originally planned girls' Futsal competition has been cancelled.

For the EDYG Futsal competition, only the boys' category shall be conducted.

The boys' competition shall be organised and conducted fully in accordance with these Technical Regulations.

All other provisions of these Technical Regulations, including eligibility requirements, team composition, competition format, disciplinary rules and safeguarding measures, remain unchanged and fully applicable to the boys' competition