



FIFA Futsal Women's World Cup 2025™

First edition:

We are looking forward to the inaugural edition of the FIFA Futsal Women's World Cup 2025™ taking place here in the Philippines in November. The country will be a great host to the participating nations from all six confederations.

The first edition of this tournament in 2025 is part of FIFA's strategic objective to develop the women's game on all fronts. The tournament is both the result of the growth and strength of women's futsal and a catalyst for the sport's further development. A new chapter in the history of the game is being written by FIFA and the host country.

Expectations for the tournament:

The tournament will allow us to showcase women's futsal on a global scale like never before, highlighting the best players in the world and the unique attributes of futsal. And we are sure it will be a big success.

Together with the host country, we will provide a tournament with the highest level of conditions, service and experience, giving female players a global stage to showcase their achievements.

We also will leave a tangible legacy within the Philippines. We are working with the local federation to improve the futsal infrastructure in the country by providing new top quality futsal pitches, goals and equipment for the tournament. This will inspire new players to join the game and support the development of women's futsal.

FIFA's strategic objectives:

The creation of the FIFA Women's Futsal World Cup™ is an important step in supporting the global development of women's football and bringing the sport closer to girls and women around the world is one of FIFA's key objectives for the 2023-2027 period.

Futsal plays an important role in our strategy to increase inclusion and equality in sport. It's the gateway to football for many men and women in different countries, as it's played in a controlled and indoor environment.

Futsal's fast pace and intensity can attract a wider audience to the sport. It is a high-scoring game with a lot of athleticism and skill. Once you watch it, you enjoy it. We want to get girls into the game and then keep them playing for longer.

We are also doing our bit to make the game more inclusive for professionals. With two women already officiating at the 2024 and 2021 FIFA Futsal World Cups, we are giving other female referees the opportunity to make their debut in this competition.

Host country / Legacy:

The Philippines is the perfect place to start this story. Not only because of the country's excitement following the debut at the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023 - but more importantly because the Philippines is a case study in the development of women's futsal.

Organised by the Philippine Football Federation (PFF) and the Department of Education, the school programme started in 2012 and includes futsal as part of the physical education curriculum. There are now 30,000 registered female players.

The PFF and FIFA are working on a legacy and development plan to ensure a sustainable and long-term future for futsal in the country. Actions will include upgrading and expanding playing facilities, building the capacity of players, coaches and referees, and increasing domestic and international playing opportunities.

In a country of over 110 million people, we also have a unique and great opportunity to introduce futsal to children, especially girls, not only as a recreational sport, but as a sport they want to play and pursue. We aim to increase the number of futsal players of all ages and genders in the Philippines and set an example of successful development for other FIFA member associations. Ultimately, the growth of futsal will also play a crucial role in achieving FIFA's strategic objective to increase the number of female players to 60 million by 2027.

Recent growth of women's futsal:

It is incredible to see the growth of women's futsal over the last few decades - and especially the past few years. FIFA organised the first women's futsal tournament at the 2018 Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires, which raised global awareness. Most of the confederations already hold their continental tournaments. And now we are here, reaching a new level with the launch of the first FIFA Futsal Women's World Cup.

For the inaugural edition of this tournament, we have an impressive 77 teams from every continent competing in the qualifiers. The sport is already global. And as part of the build-up to the inaugural FIFA Futsal Women's World Cup, FIFA published the first ever Women's Futsal Ranking last year and will be releasing another before the end of this month (March/2025).

Next steps/expectations for the future of futsal:

With the FIFA Futsal Women's World Cup to be held every 4 years, we will see more futsal stars emerge from the tournament and inspire more girls around the world.

We already have growing national professional leagues that are setting benchmarks for women's futsal. But we will increase the activity in the women's futsal calendar with more international matches. Over the past three years, we've averaged just under 150 matches a year. We expect this number to increase from 2025 onwards. We are working with the confederations to create recurring continental senior competitions and more opportunities for national teams to play more.

Overview of the qualifiers

The FIFA Futsal Women's World Cup 2025™ is the first-ever edition of the tournament and will feature nations from all six confederations

The tournament will feature 16 participating teams which will be split into four groups of four, with the top two teams in each group progressing to the quarter-finals.

The FIFA Futsal Women's World Cup becomes the fourth global women's competition organised by FIFA, following in the footsteps of the FIFA Women's World Cup™, the FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup™ and the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup™.

- Teams:
 1. Philippines (Host)
 2. New Zealand
 3. Italy
 4. Poland
 5. Portugal
 6. Spain
 7. Iran
 8. Japan
 9. Thailand
 10. Morocco
 11. Tanzania
 12. Argentina
 13. Brazil
 14. Colombia
 15. Canada
 16. Panama