

AMF SUCCESSOR OF FIFUSA



AMF Futsal

AMF Maintaining FIFUSA's 'Historical' Leadership in World Futsal

- Exercising its sovereign right, the **Federación Internacional de Fútbol de Salón (FIFUSA)** resolved on Dec. 1, 2002, to change its name, to update its social and sport objectives and reorganize its structure in order accommodate new and existing demands.



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As of that date:



- As of that date, the **Asociación Mundial de Futsal (AMF)** is the new worldwide organization that reunites FIFUSA's member countries, maintaining the historical, cultural and sports leadership of its predecessor. The two basic organizations in the old FIFUSA were the Confederación Panamericana de Futsal (*PANAFUTSAL*) and the Unión Europea de Futsal (*UEFS*). Both are now members of the AMF, maintaining the institutional, sport and historical continuity of FIFUSA in the new AMF. Also one must emphasize that the AMF and its members are the legitimate heirs of Fútbol de Salón and its sport abbreviation, FUTSAL.



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Since 1930:



- The sport was born in 1930 in South America with competitions organized for national teams dating from 1965.
- The origin of Futsal can be traced back to Montevideo, Uruguay, in 1930 when Juan Carlos Ceriani devised a five-a-side version of soccer for youth competition in YMCAs. The game is played on basketball-sized courts, both indoors and out without the use of sidewalls.

The term FUTSAL is the international term used for the game. It is derived from the Spanish or Portuguese word for "soccer", FUTbol or FUTebol, and the French or Spanish word for "indoor", SALon or SALa.



Since 1930:



- The game is frequently referred to as Five-A-Side. Once Ceriani got the ball rolling, Futsal gained rapid popularity throughout South America, particularly in Brazil. The skill developed in this game is visible in the world-famous style the Brazilians display outdoors on the full-sized field. Pele, Ronaldinho, Robinho, Bebeto and other Brazilian superstars developed their skill playing Futsal. While Brazil continues to be the Futsal hub of the world, the game is now played all over the world, from Europe to North and Central America and the Caribbean, South America, Africa, and Asia and Oceania.

The first international competition took place in 1965, when Paraguay won the first South American Cup. Six more South American Cups were held through 1979, with Brazil winning all of them. Brazil continued its dominance with a victory in the first Pan American Cup in 1980 and won it again the next time it was played in 1984.



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Since 1930:

- The first Futsal World Championship was held in Sao Paulo, Brazil, in 1982, with Brazil finishing in first place. The Brazilians repeated as champions at the second World Championship in 1985 in Spain, but lost in the third World Championship in 1988 in Australia to Paraguay.

The Subsequent World Championships have been held in:

- 1982 - Brazil
- 1985 - Spain
- 1988 - Australia
- 1991 - Italy
- 1994 - Argentina
- 1997 - Mexico
- 2000 - Bolivia
- 2003 - Paraguay
- 2007 - Argentina
- 2011 - Colombia



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Since 1930:

- The first Youth Under 12 World Futsal Championship took place in Quito, Ecuador in 2003, with 16 countries participating. The second Youth Under 12 World Futsal Championship was also held in Quito, Ecuador in 2004.
- The first women`s World Cup took place in Spain 2.008, with 12 nations participating.



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The sport is different

- The sport is different from and independent of any other existing world-wide organization. Whoever intends to take control of our identity because of their power, impunity or influence will have to demonstrate before justice their historical foundation and accomplishments in the life of our sport. Fútbol de Salón or historical Futsal from its recent reorganization on Dec. 1, 2002, has organized the following events: the Panamerican Club Championship, qualification for the 2004 International Club Championship in Russia, the International Youth Club Championship organized in Ecuador, qualification for the 8th World Championship in Peru, Costa Rica, Canada and Argentina, the International Women's Club Championship in Sardinia, Italy, the 8th AMF Futsal World Championship in Paraguay, featuring 20 national teams from around the world. The 1st World Among national teams in Russia, featuring 12 national teams, the 9th AMF Futsal World Championship in Argentina (2007), and, finally the 1st women`s AMF Futsal World Championship with 12 national teams (2008). All these international events that have been accomplished together with planned events throughout the world for years 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008 give ample proof of the impetus of our organization and organizational transition from FIFUSA to the AMF.



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