



31st FFA Futsal National Championships 11-15 January 2010, Canberra

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AWD talent to shine in Canberra

Athletes with Disabilities from NSW will showcase their Futsal talents during the 31st FFA Futsal National Championships in Canberra next week with a brace of exhibition matches in the Nation's Capital.

Two fixtures have been pencilled in to take place in between the regular national tournament matches at venues in Southern Canberra.

The first game will take place on Monday 11th January with a 7.50pm kick off at the impressive Mpowerdome facility in Fadden with a second match scheduled for the following day at the Southern Cross Club, Tuggeranong, with a 10.40am start time.

One of the organisers of the NSW AWD league, Greg Brown, says their Futsal program has been a huge success.

"Our success in establishing a competition in NSW over the past year has been extremely rewarding for the athletes with disabilities who just love being part of the competition, highlighted by being involved in the competition days," Brown said.

"Equally as rewarding has been the positive response of the Futsal community whose positive reaction has meant so much to the athletes."

Brown is ecstatic that the athletes that have taken part in the program have been given a tangible reward for their endeavours in the shape of the trip to Canberra.

"This is a reward for the athletes who have put in so much in this inaugural season. It gave them a focal point to complete the calendar," he said.

"A trip to the ACT and the opportunity to immerse themselves in the highest level of Futsal in Australia is fantastic. The athletes took so much out of watching the State competition and discovering how elite level Futsal is played. This is the next level for them," Brown enthused.



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As well as competing in the two exhibition matches the athletes will also be marching in the Opening Ceremony to receive the full experience of the FFA Futsal National Championships.

The FFA is hopeful that other member federations will be able to take part in an AWD tournament can be added to the schedule in 2011.

MATCH DETAILS

MATCH # 1: Monday 11th January 2010
Mpowerdome, Fadden – kick off 7.50pm

MATCH # 2: Tuesday 12th January 2010
Southern Cross Club, Tuggeranong – Kick off 10.40am

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