



# 33<sup>rd</sup> FFA Futsal National Championships 9-13 January 2012, Canberra

## MEDIA RELEASE

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## FACT SHEET

- 33<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of Futsal Nationals  
(First nationals were held in Melbourne in 1980)
- 24<sup>th</sup> time the ACT has hosted the Futsal Nationals
- 122 teams competing
- 35 teams from NSW, 24 - ACT, 14 – Victoria, 16 – Queensland, 9 – Southern NSW, 9 – South Australia, 6 – Western NSW, 4 – Auckland Futsal, 4 – Tasmania, 2 – Solomon Islands
- International Teams: Solomon Islands (under -13 Boys), Auckland Futsal (under-11 Boys – 2 teams, under-13 Boys – 1 team, Youth Men – 1 team)
- Over 400 games (420 approximately) played at four venues (AIS Arena, ANU, Mpowerdome, and Southern Cross, Tuggeranong) over five days
- An Athlete's with Disability (AWD) Competition will return to the FFA Futsal Nationals this year. Southern NSW won the 2011 final 6-1 against NSW Lightning.
- NSW Thunder is the defending men's champions having beaten Victoria 3-2 on penalties after a pulsating 2-2 draw.
- NSW Thunder is also the defending Women's Open Champions, defeating ACT Cobras 1-0 in the 2011 Final.
- In the 2011 competition, NSW Thunder won 12 titles, with NSW Lightning 2, Auckland 1, Southern NSW 1 and Victoria 1.

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