



Futsal League Rules

LEAGUE RULES

Futsal is not Soccer - Technique over force, no reckless or careless play.

Players & Rosters - Match is played 5v5, one of whom is the goalkeeper. A match may start if either team has a minimum of 3 players.

Ball - Futsal ball of proper size for the age playing. Size 200 or #3 for U6 thru U13, and 500 or #4 for U14 and older. Home team provides the match ball.

Equipment - Players on same team must wear same color uniforms, shin guards and footwear with flat soles (no turf shoes allowed). The uniform of the goalkeeper must be a distinctly different color from that of his team, the opposing team and the referees. Home team changes color in case of conflicting colors. All players must wear numbered jerseys, and no two players on the same team may have identical uniform numbers. (not obligatory)

- A player wearing a soft cast is permitted to play with permission of the referee.
- Hard casts are not permitted.

Game Duration -

Two Twenty (20) minute running clock halves.

Time Outs - Each team has ONE timeout per half, and can only be taken when in possession of the ball and it is out of play.

Fouls -

Fouls penalized with a **direct free kick** for: tripping, pushing, shoving, holding, charging and striking an opponent, and also for handling the ball deliberately (except goalkeeper within his/her own penalty area.) All the above are considered accumulated fouls, and direct free kick taken from the place where the offense occurred.

Fouls penalized with an **indirect free kick** for:

1. Goalkeeper handling the ball on his own half for more than 4 seconds
2. For touching a ball after it's been deliberately played to him/her by a teammate without an opponent playing or touching it (both these only for U9 and older ages)
3. Goalkeeper touches the ball with his/her hands in the penalty area after kicked to him/her by a teammate including on kick ins
4. For dangerous play, and obstruction
5. For illegal substitutions. Indirect free kicks are taken from the place where the infraction occurred unless it takes place in the penalty area, then it's taken at the edge of the penalty area.

Accumulated Fouls - Once a team reaches 5 accumulated fouls in a half, the sixth and all subsequent fouls in the same half are sanctioned with a direct free kick without a wall, taken from the second penalty mark. Accumulated fouls from the first half don't carry over to the second half.

Goal Clearance - Is awarded when the whole of the ball passes over the goal line and touched last by an attacking player and a goal isn't scored. The ball is thrown directly out of the penalty area by the goalkeeper. A goal may not be scored directly from a goal clearance with a throw, but can score if ball is drop kicked and punted.

Substitutions - Unlimited and are done on the fly and via the team's substitution zone. Infringement is sanctioned with a stop of play and an indirect free kick from the position of the ball at the time of the stoppage, against the team committing the infraction. **NOTE: Substitution of goalkeeper is same as with any other player.**

Kick Offs - at the start of the match taken by the home team. Ball is in play when kicked and moves forward. A goal may not be scored directly from the kick off.

Kick Ins - kicker must have one foot on the touchline or behind it, ball must be on touchline or behind it. Infringement is penalized by awarding the kick in to an opposing player. If an opposing player is closer than the required distance, the kick in is retaken (unless advantage given), and the opposing player is cautioned and a direct free kick is awarded. **NOTE: when playing on a court with little space for kick ins, don't enforce rule, and inform teams of the exception. *Cannot score directly from a kick in.**

Corner Kicks - Same as with kick ins - May score directly from a corner kick.

No Offside in Futsal

CONTROL OF SIDELINE CONDUCT

Players, reserve players, managers, coaches and fans are expected to conduct themselves within the letter and spirit of the "Laws of the Game". League Staff has the authority and the responsibility to remove any person(s) from the facility for abuses of conduct. The team manager/coach will be responsible for the behavior of their fans and the referee will have the authority to warn and ultimately send off, any manager/coach and the fans who behave in an abusive or disruptive manner.

DISCIPLINE

A player manager or coach ejected will have an automatic minimum one (1) week suspension regardless of the cause of the ejection. Depending upon the severity of the unacceptable conduct, a suspension for more games may occur.

Yellow Cards are not accumulated from game to game. If a **Red Card** is given to a player/coach and they are sent off, they must serve his/her game suspension during the next scheduled match.