



Futsal – Basic Laws of the Game



1. The game of Futsal is played on an indoor or outdoor court or field, and it will measure from 15mtrs wide to 30mtrs long, or for International Standard it will be 40mtrs x 20mtrs with 3mtrs x 2mtr goal posts.
2. A team consists of 5 players, 4 court players and 1 goalkeeper, the maximum number of players in a team is up to 12.
3. Unlimited substitutions. Players can re-enter the game as many times as they like. It is running subs where players must enter and leave the court at the same time, from in the substitution zone. The game can be stopped for substitutions of the goalkeeper.
4. There is NO offside in Futsal, and players can score from anywhere on the court of play.
5. When the ball goes out of play, it is to be kicked in from the sideline or corners. The player who is to kick the ball in, will place the ball on the touchline with their hand ensuring that it is stationary.
6. For a ball to be out of play or a goal scored, **ALL** of the ball must be over the line.
7. A goal cannot be scored directly from a sideline kick, unless the ball touches one of the attacking or defending players before the ball enters the goal. However, a goal can be scored directly from a corner or the start of play.
8. The goalkeeper can throw the ball anywhere on the court on the full. They can't score directly from the throw unless the ball touches another player before going into the goal. If ball goes over the goal line, it must be thrown by the goalkeeper. If they save the ball, they can throw, kick or play the ball for themselves to clear it. If they kick it and it goes into the goal, it is awarded as a goal.
9. The goalkeeper has 4 seconds time limit to control the ball and release it from their possession.
10. Goalkeepers are not allowed to pick up the ball with their hands from a deliberate back pass (by feet) from any of their teammates.
11. Each team has 15 seconds to get the ball into the oppositions half unless touched by the opposition, if not done so then a sideline kick will be awarded to the opposition nearest where the ball was when time elapsed.
12. Once the goalkeeper has played the ball, they cannot touch the ball again until it touches the opposition.
13. No tackling from behind or dangerous slide tackling is allowed.
14. The game has a 4 second time limit for all kick ins, corners, and free kicks. Referee will count to 4 with their hands visible to players. If play isn't restarted, possession is surrendered.
15. Free Kicks - the opposition must be back 5mtrs from the taking of any free kicks.
16. Dangerous play is not allowed.
17. Each team has 5 team fouls per half. Any fouls after the fifth will be penalised with a 9 mtr penalty shot by the opposition.
18. During the game, a referee has the option of using 2 cards, Yellow and Red (yellow is a warning and Red is a send-off with suspension and potentially will have to front the judiciary).
19. Referees have the right to warn, ask to leave or eject from the Stadium, any Coach, Manager, spectator, or player whom they feel is bringing the game into disrepute.
20. There are slight adjustments to some rules for the adult mixed competition. A copy of these rules can be found on our website or at our front counter.

Players Infringements

1. Referees will be officiating with the 2 card system.
 - YELLOW CARD – Cautionable Offences (2 yellows = 1 Red)
 - RED CARD – Player is sent off. Player will not participate in remainder of the game and will have an automatic suspension of 1 game in that competition, and possibly front the judiciary & further suspensions.
2. All players sent off for disciplinary actions can be replaced after 2 minutes by another player in their team if nominated to play in that game or when the opposition scores a goal.
3. Should a player be sent from the field for a red card offence, the referee will record the players Name and fill out the SEND OFF report.

Serious Foul Play Constitutes

1. Stopping an obvious goal scoring opportunity by tripping, holding, impeding, or handball.
2. Deliberate kicking an opponent.
3. Deliberate elbowing an opponent.
4. Violent tackle from behind.
5. Over the ball tackle.
6. Is guilty of serious foul play.
7. All these are cautionable offences with a yellow or red card depending on the severity of the infringement (referees' discretion).

Serious Violent Conduct Constitutes

1. Striking an official or player.
2. Spitting at an official or player.
3. Threaten an official or player with physical violence.
4. Attempting to strike an official or player with ball or another object.
5. Threaten the safety of an official or player.
6. Pushing an official with open hand, shoulder, or hip.
7. All these are red card/suspension and must appear at judiciary.

Use of Foul and Abusive Language Constitutes

1. Making obscene gestures.
2. Offensive insults or abusive language.
3. All these are cautionable offences with a yellow or red card depending on the severity of the infringement (referees' discretion).

PLEASE NOTE: REFEREE'S DECISION IS FINAL