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# TYSA Futsal League Rules

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## **GENERAL RULES:**

Futsal is played on a basketball court, with a futsal ball (a smaller and heavier ball than a regular soccer ball).

- THERE IS NO SLIDE TACKLING IN FUTSAL.
- Although some contact is unavoidable, futsal is largely a non-contact sport. Legal contact shall not be careless, reckless or excessive.
- There are no off-sides in futsal.

## **PLAYER EQUIPMENT:**

- Players must wear flat soled tennis shoes or indoor soccer flats. No cleats.
- All players must wear shin guards.
- Players will not be allowed to wear any jewelry.
- Teams must wear the same color shirts.
- Home team must change color in the event of shirt color conflict.
- Goalkeepers must wear a different color shirt from the other players.

## **AGE GROUPS:**

### **U6:**

- 3 players on the court, no goal keeper
- Futsal Ball, size 3
- All games are 15 minute halves - running clock
- 2 minute half-time
- All games will have a referee.

### **U8, U10, U12, & U14:**

- 5 players on the court, 4 + goal keeper
- Futsal Ball, (U8 & U10: size 3, U12 & U14, size 4)
- All games have a running clock. 22.5 minute halves.
- 3 minute half-time.
- All games will have a referee.

## **SUBSTITUTIONS:**

- Substitutions will be made on the fly and are unlimited.
- Goalkeeper substitutions can only be made when the ball is out of play and the referee has given permission.

**START OF PLAY:**

- Home team has kickoff.
- Opposing team waits outside of the center circle and the ball will be deemed in play once it has been touched.
- Back kick is allowed. (Ball does not have to move forward past the center line.)

**OUT OF BOUNDS:**

- Ball will be out of play when it has wholly crossed the goal line or touchline.
- If a ball goes out-of-bounds on the sidelines, then it will be a kick-in to restart play.
- The ball will be placed on the sideline where it went out-of-bounds and the player will have 4 seconds to kick the ball back into play or it becomes opponent's ball.
- All kick-ins will be indirect. Defense must give 4 yards.
- Balls out-of-bounds on the end lines for the offensive team will be a corner kick. Normal soccer rules apply. (Kick is direct.) Defense must give 4 yards.
- Balls out-of-bounds on the end line for the defensive team will be a goalkeeper throw instead of a goal kick. (No punts or drop-kicks allowed.)
- The goalkeeper will throw the ball in, in place of a goal kick. The ball must touch either a player or the floor prior to crossing half court. (See penalty below.)
- Balls hitting the ceiling or lights is out of play. The play shall be restarted with a kick-in on the nearest touch line. The opposing team will take the kick-in.

**GOALKEEPER:**

- The goalkeeper may not use his/her hands outside their own penalty area.
- Keeper may slide in own penalty area but only when playing the ball.
- Keeper may not kick the ball after releasing it until another player has played it (no punts or drop-kicks allowed).
- The goalkeeper will throw the ball in place of a goal kick. No punts or drop-kicks allowed. The ball must touch either a player or the floor prior to crossing half court. An indirect free kick from the center mark is awarded to the opposing team if this does not happen.
- Goalkeeper has 5 seconds to return ball to play.
- The ball is not in play until it clears the penalty area. If the ball is received inside the penalty area, then the goalkeeper throw is taken again.

**FOULS & PENALTIES:**

- All foul restarts shall be awarded an indirect free kick, except for fouls that occur in the penalty area or fouls resulting from dangerous play.
- Fouls will result in either an indirect free kick or a penalty kick. A penalty kick will be taken from the 6-meter mark.

**OFFSIDE RULE:**

- There is no offside rule in futsal.

**GAMES:**

- Due to time constraints, all games must begin and end as scheduled. Arrive 15 minutes prior to your kick-off. Please have your team on the floor and ready to play at the scheduled time.
- At least 3 players per team are needed to start. Teams not ready to start their game may forfeit that game (recorded as 5-0) and have the game shortened.
- If a team must wait for players, the game will be shortened accordingly to end at the scheduled time.
- There will be no overtime for regular season games.
- All players must play at least half of the game.

**COACHING:**

- Please keep coaching to a minimum !!