



TYSA Futsal League Rules

Winter 2017

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:

- 4 players on the court, no goal keeper
- Futsal Ball, size 3
- All games are 15 minute halves - running clock
- 2 minute half-time
- For U6, No referees - coaches will officiate

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. U8: 20 minute halves. U10, U12, & U14: 25 minute halves.
- U8: 3 minute half-time. U10, U12, & U14: 5 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.

Direct Kick Fouls:

Kicking or attempting to kick an opponent

Tripping or attempting to trip an opponent

Jumping at an opponent

Charges an opponent

Strikes or attempts to strike an opponent

Pushing an opponent

Holding an opponent

Spits at an opponent

Slide tackles with exceptions above

Handles the ball deliberately (except for the goalkeeper in his own penalty area)

Players continually making any of the above fouls may be sent off at the referees discretion. All referee decisions are final.

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:

- U6 COACHING - please keep coaching to a minimum. Coaches may provide constructive guidelines when the ball leaves the field of play and/or after a goal is scored. Coaching is also permitted during half-time.
- U8-U14 COACHING - there is to be NO coaching from the whistle to the start and end of each half to the players on the field. Coaches may give constructive guidance to players on the bench during play and the team during half-time.

Repeated warnings from the referee concerning coaching can result in a penalty kick for the opponent.