

Futsal Rules of Play

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The Court: Basketball court side and end lines. 3-point line will be used for the goalie zone (penalty area). If ball touches the basketball hoop, possession is turned over (keeper ball or corner kick).

The Ball: Low-bounce futsal balls only. U12 and under use a size 3 futsal ball. U13 and older use a size 4 futsal ball.

The Goal: Dimensions of futsal goals are 2 m x 3 m.

Equipment: Teams must wear colors that distinguish them from each other and goalies must also wear distinct colors. Shin guards are recommended but not mandatory. They must be entirely covered by the socks. Rubber-soled futsal, indoor soccer or gym shoes are required. A player must not use equipment or wear anything that is dangerous to himself or another player (including jewelry).

Players: Five players on each team, one of which is the goalkeeper. The minimum number of players per team is 4.

Length of Game: Two 24-minute halves with a running clock, and a 2 minute half-time. No time-outs.

Substitutions: Unlimited and do not require stoppage (on the fly). All players must enter/exit at mid court.

Offsides: none

Kickoff: Away team kicks off to begin the game, and home team kicks off at the beginning of the second half. First touch must move forward. A goal cannot be scored directly from the kickoff.

4-second rule: Place kicks (Kick ins, corner kicks) and goalie decisions must be made within 4 seconds.

Kick ins: Ball must be placed at location where ball left the court and must not be rolling. Opponents must be at least 3 meters away from the location of the kick in. A player has 4 seconds to play the ball into the court once they are ready. Goals cannot be scored from a kick in.

Goalies: No punts or bounce kicks are allowed-- the ball must be tossed or rolled. Opponents may not be in the penalty box (inside the 3 point line). Goalies cannot throw the ball over half-court unless it touches the court or a player first. If done so, an indirect free kick from the center line is awarded to other

team. Goalie can play to his/her own feet (except during a dead ball clearance and 4 second rule applies). The goalie has 4-seconds to distribute.

If the goal clearance is not taken within four seconds, an indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team, to be taken from the penalty area line (3 point line) at the place nearest to where the infringement occurred.

Slide Tackling: is permitted u13 and older if executed safely (referee discretion).

Heading: Not allowed for u12 and younger.

5-Goal Limit: A team cannot lead by more than 5 goals. When a team is leading by 5 goals, the team's score is frozen until after the opponents score. Any team trailing by 5 goals for over 5 minutes may add an extra player until their side scores.

Corner Kicks: A goal may be scored from a corner kick. The opponents must be at least 3 meters from the corner until the ball is played. Four second rule applies to corner kicks.

Direct Free Kicks: are awarded for any of the following offenses in a manner considered by the referees to be careless, reckless or using excessive force: Kicks or attempts to kick an opponent, trips an opponent, charges an opponent, strikes or attempts to strike an opponent, pushes an opponent, holds an opponent, deliberate hand ball, Slide tackling (for u12 and younger). All opponents must be at least 3 m from the ball until it is in play.

Indirect Free Kicks: are awarded for: violation of the 4 second rule, obstruction, preventing the goalkeeper from releasing the ball. All opponents must be at least 3 m from the ball until it is in play. An indirect free kick conceded in the penalty area is taken from the penalty area line at the point nearest to where the offense was committed.

Accumulated Fouls Beginning with the 6th accumulated foul by each team in a half, then opposing team will receive a direct kick from the top of the 3-point line (if playing on a basketball court). A shot must be taken on goal (no walls, no set plays), and all other players must stay behind the ball (imaginary line from sideline to sideline through the ball) until kicked. Fouls reset at halftime.

Penalty Kicks: are taken from the top of the 3 point line when playing on a basketball court (not the free throw lines), Shot must be taken on goal (no walls, no set plays). Only kicker and goalie allowed in the zone until ball is kicked.

For more information of FIFA Laws of the game:

<https://www.ussoccer.com/referees/laws-of-the-game/futsal-laws-of-the-game>