

Futsal Abbreviated Rules

Kickoff

The ball must go forward. If ball does not go forward or if a person is encroaching, there will be a re-kick.

The match

- The match shall last two equal periods of 20 minutes
- The teams are entitled to a one-minute time-out in each half

The following conditions apply to a time-out:

- One, one-minute time-out may be requested per team, per half, and may be taken at any time so long as the team requesting the time-out is in possession of the ball
- When a time-out is granted, the substitutes shall stay off the court

The ball shall be deemed out of play when:

- It completely crosses the goal line or touch line, whether along the ground or through the air
- Play has been stopped by the referees
- It hits the ceiling or overhead obstruction

Scoring

You cannot score directly on a kickoff. Should this happen, possession will be given to the other team, at the center mark.

Four Seconds Rule

You have four seconds to restart the ball from a stoppage. The four seconds starts from the time the person gets the ball back into the “confines of play.” This also applies to kickoffs after a team scores a goal. A player must make a concerted effort to get the ball. Walking to the ball lazily to allow the team to make subs will not be permitted. Should an infringement occur, possession is given to the other team.

Kick-Ins

All balls played out of bounds from the sidelines are kick-ins. The ball must be settled and on the line. The absolute best way to ensure this happens is for the players to pick up the ball and place it on the line. If the ball rolls slightly due to the unevenness of the floor, the referee will not whistle this as a foul. The restart for a violation is an indirect kick for the other team. You cannot have one or more feet completely in the field of play when taking a kick-in, or possession will be given to the other team.

Corner Kicks

- A goal may be scored directly from a corner kick, but only against the opposing team

A corner kick shall be awarded when:

- The whole of the ball, having last touched a player of the defending team, crosses the goal line either along the ground or through the air, and a goal is not scored
- The ball shall be placed inside the corner arc at the nearest corner
- The opponents shall remain at least five yards away from the corner arc until the ball is in play
- The ball shall be kicked by a member of the attacking team
- The ball shall be deemed in play from the moment it is played and set in motion
- The kicker may not play the ball a second time until it has touched another player

Slide Tackles

ARE NOT PERMITTED. However, if someone slides to keep the ball in play, block a ball going into the goal, to score, etc., IN A MANNER DEEMED NOT TO BE DANGEROUS BY THE REFEREE, such will be permitted. Otherwise, these are considered fouls and are direct kicks; violation inside the penalty arc will result in a penalty kick, and a foul counted towards the Accumulated Foul Total.

Accumulated Fouls

Fouls (those whistled during the course of dynamic play, these are not substitution fouls, kick-in violations, etc), accumulate each half. On the fifth foul issued to a team, the team will be advised by the referee that the next foul will result in a penalty kick. Penalty kick is taken from the second penalty mark unless foul occurs in the penalty arc. Time is always extended for the taking of the kick.

Direct free kicks

- All opponents shall be situated at least five yards from the ball until it is in play; the ball shall be deemed in play after it has been touched or played

A direct free kick shall be awarded to the opposing team if a player commits any of the following six infringements in a manner considered by the referees to be careless, reckless or excessively forceful:

- Kicking or attempting to kick an opponent
- Tripping or attempting to trip an opponent
- Jumping on an opponent
- Charging an opponent
- Striking or attempting to strike an opponent
- Pushing an opponent
- Sliding

Position of a free kick

- The players of the opposing team may form a wall to defend a free kick
- All opponents shall be situated at least five yards from the ball
- A goal may be scored directly in the opponents' goal from this free kick

If a direct free kick directly enters the opponents' goal, a goal shall be awarded.

Indirect free kicks

- A goal shall only be awarded if the ball touches another player before it enters the goal

Penalty Kick

- A penalty kick is awarded against a team that commits any of the infringements for which a direct free kick is awarded inside its own penalty area and while the ball is in play

Substitution Rules

Players must be COMPLETELY OFF the court before substitutes may come into the field of play. A verbal warning will be given. If, in the opinion of the referee, the team is making no effort to abide by this rule, the player(s) coming on the field will be cautioned. Additional offenses will result in a second yellow card which will result in a RED CARD.

Goal Clearances

If the ball goes out the end line, the Keeper must distribute the ball by throwing it in. It cannot be touched before it clears the keeper arc. Balls played from the field, (from an opponent to the keeper), may be picked up then thrown, rolled, or kicked. Note: All outdoor rules apply regarding pass backs to the keeper.

- The ball shall be thrown from any point inside the penalty area by the goalkeeper of the defending team
- Opponents shall remain outside the penalty area until the ball is in play
- The goalkeeper may not play the ball a second time until it has been touched by an opponent or has crossed the halfway line
- The ball shall be deemed in play when it is thrown directly out of the penalty area

Infringements/Sanctions

If the ball is not thrown directly out of the penalty area:

- The goal clearance shall be retaken

If, once the ball is in play, the goalkeeper touches the ball a second time before it has been touched by an opponent or crossed the halfway line:

- An indirect free kick shall be awarded to the opposing team from the place where the infringement occurred

If the goal clearance is not taken within four seconds of the goalkeeper taking possession of the ball:

- An indirect free kick shall be awarded to the opposing team on the penalty area line from the place nearest to where the infringement occurred

The Half Court Playback Rule

Once a keeper has thrown the ball in, it may not be played back to him, (this means he can't kick it or touch it), until one of the following has occurred: 1. The ball has been touched by an opponent. 2. It has traveled past half court. If the keeper plays the ball in any manner, the result will be an indirect kick from the point of the infraction.

Overhead Obstructions

If balls hit any overhead obstruction, the ball is moved to the nearest side and played in as a kick-in by the other team.