

Summary of Rules

The Field

The game of Futsal is played on a marked field and the ball can go out of play.

The Ball

Given that Futsal is played on a smaller field and emphasizes skills and passing, the game is played with a smaller ball that has 30% less bounce than a standard soccer ball.

Offside Rule

There is no offside rule in Futsal.

Rotating Substitutions

Up to 12 players can be used in a match and there is no limit on how long a player must stay on the field, nor is a stoppage required for player substitutions, which are permitted during play. Players substituting must enter and leave the field from behind their own goal area.

Kick-Ins

In order to re-start the game after the ball has gone out of play, the ball is kicked back into play from the touchline and from corners. The play must be placed stationary on the touchline and the feet of the player taking the kick-in must not cross the line.

The 4 Second Rule

For kick-ins, free kicks and goal clearances and corner kicks, the player in possession of the ball has 4 seconds to restart play which the referee will count with fingers in the air. If play is not restarted within four seconds an indirect free kick will be awarded to the opposing team. The goalkeeper is not allowed to control the ball for more than 4 seconds in his/her own half.

The 6 Feet Rule

Players are required to keep 6 feet from the player in possession of the ball on corners and kick-ins.

Goalkeepers

Goalkeepers are allowed to come out of the penalty area and players are allowed to go into the penalty area. A goal clearance must be thrown (and not kicked) and the goalkeeper cannot touch the ball again until it has crossed midfield or a member of the opposing team has touched the ball.

Accumulated Fouls

Each team is allowed to give away 5 direct free kicks in each half and on the 6th foul a direct kick is awarded to the opposing team and the offending team is not allowed to position any players (other than the goalkeeper) between the ball and the goal. The kick may be taken from the 10 meter (32.5 foot) mark, or if the foul was committed closer to the goal than the 10M/32.5ft mark then the kick may be taken from the position where the infraction took place.

Game Time

A Futsal match consists of two 25 minute halves.

Time Outs

Each team is allowed one 30-second time out per half.

Sliding Tackles

Sliding tackles are not allowed in Futsal but players are allowed to slide on the field (e.g., to stop a ball from going out of play, to direct a pass towards the net, etc.). For a player sliding to be considered a foul,

the tacklers opponent must be in possession of the ball. Referees will not give a foul for a slide if the opponent does not have possession of the ball.

Yellow Cards

If a player is issued with a yellow card, the player will need to serve a 2 minute suspension. His/her team will be permitted to substitute this player and continue to play with 5 players. The referee will indicate when the 2 minutes is up and the player will be allowed to rejoin the game. If a second yellow card is issued to the same player, this would result in expulsion from the remainder of the game.

Red Cards

If a player is sent off with a red card then his/her team must remain with only four players until either two minutes have elapsed or the opposing team has scored. Red carded players will serve an automatic 1 game suspension. An additional suspension will be added for any violent conduct offence.

Player Cards

All adult players are required to have a valid LA Galaxy Soccer Center player card to be able to participate in league games. Referees will check cards prior to the game for membership expiration and against a team roster to ensure fair play. After week 6, only players listed on the roster will be permitted to play.