



FUTSAL LEAGUE RULES SUMMARY

- 1) **Substitutions** - must be done between the substitution zone lines AND the incoming player cannot step on the court until their teammate is off. Penalized with an indirect free kick against if a substitution is not done properly, taken from the spot where the ball was at the time of the illegal substitution.
- 2) **Keep a distance of 5 meters on all restarts (kick offs, kick ins corner kicks and goal clearances.** Defending team cannot invade that space until the ball is played. Referee will enforce and not allow for play to start unless proper distance is observed.
- 3) **Kick ins and corner kicks:** ball must be on the line or behind the line, must be still, and played on to the court. A change of possession occurs if not taken properly. TIP: encourage players to spot the ball with their hand, not their feet, before executing a kick in or corner kick.
- 4) **Four seconds on all restarts:** on kick ins, corner kicks, goal clearances, kick offs, direct and indirect free kicks and penalty kicks. Referee will make the count visible except on indirect free kicks when it is not visible. An indirect free kick is awarded from the spot of the ball, except on kick ins, when a change of possession occurs. NOTE: ball cannot be played until the referee starts the 4 second count (on kick ins, corner kicks and goal clearances) or until he blows the whistle (on kick offs, direct and indirect free kicks and penalty kicks). Referee, at his discretion may allow the ball to be played quickly before the 4 second count starts.
- 5) **Pass back to the goalkeeper rule:** once ball is played by the goalkeeper, the ball cannot be passed back to them unless there is a change of possession: An indirect free kick is awarded against the team for this violation at the spot where the goalkeeper received the pass back. Note: if received inside the penalty area, the indirect free kick is taken at the edge of the penalty area
- 6) **Goal clearances:** A goal clearance is awarded when the whole of the ball passes over the goal line, having last touched a player of the attacking team, and a goal is not scored. The goalkeeper must play the ball with their hands and on their own half to restart play An indirect kick at the halfway line is awarded against if ball is played directly over the halfway line. A goal may not be scored directly from a goal clearance. NOTE: if the Goalkeeper

saves the ball preventing it from going over the goal line, they can play the ball anywhere on the court with their hands or feet.

- 7) **Goalkeeper has four seconds to play the ball.** In all situations when the goalkeeper comes in contact with the ball, they have 4 seconds to play the ball. An indirect free kick is awarded against the team for this violation at the spot where the goalkeeper had the ball at the time of the violation Note 1: if inside the penalty area, the indirect free kick is taken at the edge of the penalty area. Note 2: there is no four second count if goalkeeper possesses the ball in his attacking half.
- 8) **Time outs:** each team has one, 1 minute time out per half. A timeout can only be taken when the ball is in team's possession and is out of play. Coach must ask the referee for the timeout.
- 9) **Accumulated fouls:** all fouls awarded a direct free kick are accumulated fouls. Once a team reaches five accumulated fouls in a half, every accumulated foul after is a direct free kick from the second penalty spot and without a wall. Note: referee will announce when a team has reached five fouls in a half. Once second half starts all accumulated fouls from first half are erased.