



Futsal Rules

Duration of the Game

- Duration: Two equal periods of 25 minutes
- Time-outs: 1 per team per half
- Half-time: Maximum of 5 minutes

The Start of Play

starts from center circle and upon the start whistle **player may passed, shot, or dribbled**

Ball in and out of Play

- Ball out of play: When it has **wholly** crossed the goal line or touchline; when the game has been stopped by a referee; when the ball hits the ceiling (restart: kick-in at the place closest to where the ball touched the ceiling).

Method of Scoring

When the **whole of the ball has passed over the goal line**, between the goal posts and under the crossbar (except by illegal means).

Free Kicks

- Wall: At least 3 paces away until the ball is in play
- Time Limit: Kick must be taken within 4 seconds of whistle
Restriction: Kicker cannot touch the ball again until it has been touched by another player
- All free Kicks are Direct**
No Penalty Kicks

Kick-ins (No throws)

- Kicks to be taken in place of the throw-in.
- The ball is placed on the touch line before kicking.
- The kick-in must be taken within 4 seconds; if it is not, the kick-in is given to the opposing team.
- The kicker cannot play the ball a second time until it has been played by another player; infringement of this rule entail an free kick to the opposing from the point of infringement.
- **Players on opposing team must be at least 3 paces away from point of kick-in.**
- Cannot score directly from a kick-in.

six kicks / throws

the keeper may throw or kick the ball into play when it leaves the end line (May not throw over half)

Corner Kicks

- Ball placed on the corner (no corner-kick arc).
- Must be taken within 4 seconds; failure to do so entails free kick to the opposing team from the corner mark.
- The kicker cannot play the ball a second time until it has been played by another player; infringement of this rule entail an free kick to the opposing from the point of infringement.
- **Players on opposing team must be with inside the goal keepers arch (3 point line)**
- Can score goal directly from a corner kick.

Goal Keepers

May pick up ball anywhere in the Keeper's Arch (three point line)

May slide but not feet first to the ball

May not punt the ball or drop kick

May not throws ball directly over the halfway-line (without first touching his own side of the pitch or player there on)

May not picks up or touches with his hands a back pass

May not picks up or touches with his hands a kick-in from a teammate

Fouls and Misconduct

Direct free kick

- kicking or attempting to kick an opponent
- tripping an opponent
- jumping at an opponent
- charging an opponent in a violent or dangerous manner
- charging an opponent from behind
- **striking, attempting to strike, or spitting at an opponent (suspension from league)**
- holding an opponent
- pushing an opponent
- charging an opponent with shoulder (i.e., shoulder charge)
- sliding at an opponent (i.e., sliding tackle)
- handling the ball (except goalkeeper)
- dangerous play (e.g. attempting to kick ball held by goalkeeper)
- obstruction
- charging the goalkeeper in the penalty area
- a substituting player enters the pitch before the player he is substituting has entirely left the pitch
- he shows dissent with any decision of the referee
- he is guilty of ungentlemanly conduct

These offenses are punishable by an **indirect free kick** taken from the point of infringement

Players shall be **sent off** for 1 min or longer

- (a) serious foul play
- (b) violent conduct
- (c) foul or abusive language
- (d) third instance of cautionable offense (i.e., second yellow card)
- (f) intentionally impeding a clear goal opportunity in the penalty area by handling the ball

Rules of Expulsion:

- The player sent off is out for the rest of the game and is not even permitted to sit on the reserves' bench.
- The team of the player sent off can substitute for that player after 2 minutes of playing time or after the opposing team scores -- which ever comes first.
- The substitute cannot come on until the ball is out of play and he has a referee's consent.