

International Sports, Skating, and Fun Centre Futsal League Rules

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Coaches and Players - Welcome!

Welcome to the ISC – World Youth Futsal League. You'll find most of what you need to know about our futsal league in this handout.

You will see that Futsal is a fast-paced game that is fun to play and will help players to improve their skills. Our league's goal, as in all of our various off season youth sports leagues, is to help the players develop, while they are having fun competing.

Below are the major differences between soccer rules and futsal rules. If the rule is not addressed below, you can assume that the FIFA laws of play apply. Also, ISC has several facility specific rules as well.

General Rules

There are 4 field players and a Goal Keeper (GK).

No offside.

GK can only handle the ball (by feet or hands) for 4 seconds in their own half. If they are in opponents half, they have no time-handling restrictions.

Games are comprised of two 20 minute halves, with a 2 minute half time. Teams must be ready to play. Each team will pay the referee before the start of the game \$12 cash (\$15 if high school league). Teams will have a one minute warm up prior to the start of the game. The referee will stay on time. The clock will run continuously except in the case of serious injury or when the referee deems it necessary to stop the clock.

Substitutions

Free substitutions are made "on the fly". Player can only enter or leave the game by their respective bench/seating area, and a player may only enter a game after the player they are replacing has left the field. Failure to do so results in a caution and an indirect free kick is taken from where the ball was situated when the game was stopped to caution the player.

Kick off

Opposing players must give 5 yards until ball is in play.

Ball Out of Play

Kick in

A ball kicked out over the touch line (side line) by one team becomes the other

teams ball. The team kicking in has 4 seconds to get the ball back in play or it becomes opponent's kick in. Defense must give 5 yards distance. The referee will give a visual count with his hand. Players taking kick in can not step into the field while kicking ball back into play. Goals cannot be scored from kick-ins.

If the ball hits the ceiling, a kick in is taken at the closest point on the nearest touchline, running parallel to the goal line. If a player strikes the ball into the lights or ceiling (not a deflection), that team will play a man down for one minute.

Goal Clearance

Futsal goal kick. When the offensive team puts the ball over the end line, the other team gets the ball. The goalie must throw the ball within 4 seconds of retrieving it and put it back into play by throwing it. The throw must leave the penalty area, and must touch the surface or any player on their side of half field. If not, opponent is awarded a direct kick. Opposing team must stay out of penalty area during a goal clearance. If opposing players touches ball before it leaves penalty area, GK retakes the throw. The GK cannot touch ball again until another player touches it.

Corner Kick

Kick is taken at the point where goal line and touch line meet (at corner).

All Restarts are Direct Kicks (not indirect or direct)

Fouls and Misconduct

Fouls

Slide tackling is a major foul in futsal. It is not allowed in any situation where there is contact between players or where referees believe that contact could have resulted.

Exceptions

The GK is allowed to slide in an attempt to clear the ball, if in referees' judgment, his slide is an attempt only to make contact with the ball, not the opponent. If GK slid is reckless (a foot in air, a hook, rolling tackle) it is a foul and possibly a cardable offense. A field player may slide in instances where there is not an opponent close by and no injury is likely to occur. This would most likely happen when a player is attempting to stop the ball from going out of bound or an offensive player sliding to knock the ball into the goal where there is not other defensive player close to the play. Players and coaches should use this general rule, if you slide tackle near a player, assume it will be called a major penalty.

6th Accumulated Foul

Upon a team's 6th accumulated foul in each half, the defending team cannot build a wall to block the kick. The player taking the kick must be clearly identified and the player taking the kick must make an attempt at the goal.

Accumulated Fouls resulting in Direct Kick

- Kicking or attempting to kick an opponent
- Tripping or attempting to trip an opponent
- Jumping at an opponent
- Charges an opponent
- Strikes or attempts to strike an opponent
- Pushes an opponent
- Holding an opponent
- Spits at an opponent
- Slide tackles with exceptions above

Sending Off Fouls

Handling the ball deliberately, except for GK in their area.

Denying an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent moving toward the goal. Player sent off cannot re-enter the game. Substitution is allowed after 2 minutes.

No shoulder charging. A player committing a fighting offense will be BANNED FOR LIFE.

Red Cards

A player or coach receiving a red card during a game may not participate in the remainder of the game and shall be suspended from league play for the next two games. Said player or coach must leave the facility immediately. There will be a five-minute bench penalty. The coach and red-card player must call the following day and speak to the general manager to check if any further suspension shall apply. If further suspension is rendered, there will be no refunds. Please note that profanity or abusive language could be an automatic red card.

Referees

We ask that you keep in mind that referees are on the field to officiate the game by using a set of prescribed rules set out by ISC management. Their interpretation of the rules at times may differ from yours. The referees are instructed to officiate in the best interests of both the teams and the facility, whereas your interests may be solely concerned with your team. Please do not expect an International Sports Centre Manager or Supervisor to alter a referee's administration of the game. Simply put, all referee decisions are final. The referees, the players, and International Sports Centre have the right for coaches to behave in a responsible adult manner, and to help the players advance their knowledge and abilities in the game of futsal. Nothing less will be tolerated. ISC management and the referees will stop any game they feel is getting out of control, or which may result in injury, or during which excessive bad sportsmanship or behavior has been exhibited.

Uniforms

All players must wear shirts of the same color and the goalkeeper must wear a color that will distinguish himself/herself from the field players on both teams. Nothing worn will display any foul or inappropriate language. All jewelry will be removed or covered with tape for the safety of all players. Earrings and neck chains must be removed. In the event that they are not removed, player assumes all liability for injury caused by these articles. If leg or arm braces must be worn, any and all metal areas must be covered with a bandage or rubber covering. Shin guards are mandatory for all players. The use of eyewear is totally subject to the referee's judgment. Only flats or sneakers are allowed to be used on the skatecourt/sportcourt surface.

Player Seating/Bench Areas

Absolutely no food or drinks are allowed on the playing surface. Water or sports drinks must be kept back in the enclosed player bench area, not on the surface. Absolutely no smoking or alcoholic beverages are allowed in the building. Absolutely no outside food or beverages of any type are allowed in the building (other than player's own). It is the team's responsibility to pick up any and all trash or debris in their respective player's seating/bench area.

Bad Weather

International Sports Centre will be open and league play will be held unless it is impossible for our staff to get to our building. Any games that are rescheduled due to weather will be at the discretion of the ISC management. No refunds will be issued. ISC reserves the right to reschedule these games on any day at any time they so choose.

Rescheduling

Games cannot be rescheduled. The following conflicts do not constitute legitimate excuses: coach out of town, basketball games or other activities, unavailable players, out of town tournaments, late games, school dances, etc. If the International Sports Centre creates a scheduling problem, those games will be made up at a scheduled time for both teams based on availability. We accept special requests, but cannot guarantee that they will be met. Forfeits are not tolerated. It is a sign of disrespect to every other properly registered opponent. A forfeiting team remains responsible for the payment of both referees's fees for that game.

Team and Player Registration

A team registering for league play has agreed to follow all ISC policies and guidelines. All payments are due in full before the start of the season. All rostered players MUST be properly carded. All player's medical release forms must be complete and turned in before stepping onto the playing surface. It is the coach's responsibility to make certain his/her team adheres to all age, league, and facility rules. Any violation of these guidelines is disrespecting the integrity of International Sports Centre, and every other participant who is properly enrolled to participate.

Not adhering to our policies is grounds for removal from the league. No requests for refunds will be honored.