

Futsal Summary of Rules

Equipment	Players must have shin guards and they must be covered by socks. Jewelry is not permitted.
Ball	Size 4, circumference 62–64 cm, weight between 400-440g at the start of the game.
Time	There are two periods of 20 minutes each with a maximum 5 minute halftime.
Number of players	There are five players for each team on the field; one must be designated as goalkeeper. Substitutions are unlimited and may not enter until the player has completely left the field.
Kick Off	The kick off must go forward. You may not score directly from a kickoff.
Re-Start of Play	All kicks-in must be completed within 4 seconds. The ball must be on the touch line or within 4 inches of the touch line and within 10 inches of where the ball crossed the touch line. The player taking the kick-in must have one foot on or behind the touch line. Opponents must be 5 yards from the ball during a kick-in and all other free kicks. Goals may not be scored directly from a kick-in.
Accumulated Fouls	Direct free kick fouls will be accumulated during each half of play. The sixth and all subsequent direct free kick fouls shall result in the opposing team having a direct free kick (no wall) from the second penalty spot. The kicker must try to score.
Goalkeeper	The goalkeeper may not touch the ball unless it is played into the defensive half or touched by an opponent in the defensive half. The goalkeeper may not touch the ball once he has released it from a goal clearance. The goalkeeper may play the ball with his hands in his own penalty area except if it is played to him by a teammate. The goalkeeper has no touch restrictions in his team's offensive half.
Corner	The ball must be placed on the line or inside the arc nearest to the point where the ball crossed the goal line. If the kick is not taken within the 4 second time limit, a goal clearance is awarded to the defending team. The ball is in play when it is kicked and moves.
Send-Offs (Red Cards)	Any player receiving a red card during a match may not further participate in the match and is subject to a suspension of at least one match. Additionally, that player's team must play short for a period of two minutes. At the conclusion of the two minute period that team may replace the player who was sent off. If a goal is scored against the team with the sent off player during the two minute period, the team may immediately replace the sent off player.

Local Rules of Competition

Goalkeeper	The goalkeeper may not throw the ball across midfield in the air. Infringement of this rule shall result in an indirect free kick taken from the second penalty spot. The defending team may set a wall. All other laws for a free kick shall be enforced.
Sliding/Slide Tackling	<p>Slide tackling is not permitted at any time. The referee shall stop play and award a direct free kick to the opposing team. A slide tackle committed by the defensive team in its own penalty area shall result in a penalty kick. The team committing the slide tackle will be assessed an accumulated foul.</p> <p>Sliding in an attempt to prevent the ball from entering the goal shall be permitted, assuming, in the opinion of the referee, it is not dangerous. Any slide deemed dangerous by the referee shall result in an indirect free kick for the opposing team.</p> <p>Any goalkeeper who slides/slide tackles outside the penalty area shall be subject to the above local rules as if he is a field player.</p>