

# SOME SIMPLIFIED RULES OF FUTSAL

1. The game of Futsal is played on a pitch with various surface types and can be played both indoors and outdoors.
2. From the kick-off the ball must be played forward.
3. 5 players per team on court at once.
4. Unlimited flying substitutions i.e. players can re-enter the game as many times without notifying the referee, this includes goal keepers.
5. There is no offside in Futsal.
6. Side line kick-ins – The ball is placed on the side line and kicked to another player.
7. For a goal to be scored, all of the ball has to be over all of the line.
8. A goal cannot be scored from a kick-in unless it touches another player.
9. The goalkeeper can throw the ball anywhere on the pitch from the goal clearance or from general play and has 4 seconds to distribute the ball.
10. Goalkeeper throws the ball in (instead of a goal kick) unless he/she saves it, then it can be drop kicked, punted, thrown or dribbled.
11. Goal keeper has 4 seconds time limit to control the ball in general play unless he is in the oppositions half of the court.
12. Goal keepers are not allowed to pick up a back pass from any of their team players.
13. Once the goal keeper has released the ball from his possession he can not receive it back unless it has been over the halfway line or touched by an opposing player. This is called two touch – indirect free-kick against.
14. Goal keepers can make “flying substitutions” without waiting for stoppage in play.
15. Maximum of 12 players per team, per game.
16. No rough or dangerous play is allowed. Slide tackling is allowed, unless it is deemed careless, reckless or with excessive force play.
17. A 4 second time limit on kick-ins and free kicks starting when player is in position to play ball in.
18. A player can score a goal direct from a corner.
21. Should the ball hit the roof of the venue or any other fixture above the pitch, the opposing team restarts play with a kick-in.
22. The second penalty spot is 10 metres from the goal line.
23. Players are allowed to go any where on the court.
24. When the goal keeper restarts the game with a goal clearance it must be released from his hands and the ball must go outside the “D” before any other player touches it.
25. Both feet must be outside the court or on the line for a side line kick-in. Not in the court.