

Very Simplified Futsal Laws – v120118

The game is comprised of two (2) equal 20 minute halves

Kick-off:

- Each team must have **3 players minimum** to start the game.
- Each team must be in its own half.
- Defenders must be outside the center circle and the diameter of the center circle from the half line.
- The ball must be stationary in the center.
- The referee gives a signal (whistle).
- The ball is kicked and moves in any direction.

Kick-ins:

- Kick-ins must be taken on the touchline at the point where the ball crossed the line or nearest to where it hit the ceiling.
- The ball must be stationary on the touch line prior to the start.
- The ball may be played to the goalkeeper, but he/she may not play it with the hands.

Goal Clearance:

- The goalkeeper must throw or roll the ball by hand from anywhere in the penalty area.
- The ball must leave the penalty area before it is touched by any player from either team.
- The goalkeeper must play the ball within 4 seconds of taking control of it.

Goalkeeper:

- May not play the ball with the hands when intentionally passed back from the foot of a teammate.
- May not dribble the ball into his/her own penalty area and pick it up, no matter from whom it is received.
- Must release the ball within 4 seconds of any possession in his/her half of the field, total includes any hand and or foot combination.
- The goalkeeper may not throw the ball past the first red line 5 yards into the opponent's half of the field without the ball touching the floor or a player first.

A goal may **NOT** be scored directly from a kick-off, kick-in, or goal clearance.

Opponents must be a minimum of 15 feet from all free kicks and all restarts.

Fouls: ALL OUTDOORS FOULS APPLY, plus sliding for any reason (except for the goalkeeper in his/her own penalty area) is also a minor foul. (10 major fouls are direct free kicks; all other fouls/infractions are indirect.)

All DIRECT FREE KICK FOULS are ACCUMULATED FOULS, including DFK fouls when advantage is used regardless of whether the advantage is realized or not.

Any INDIRECT FREE KICK MAY be opposed with a WALL at least 15 feet away.

The first five (5) DIRECT FREE KICK FOULS in a half MAY be opposed with a WALL at least 15 feet away; but beginning with the sixth ACCUMULATED FOUL against a team in a half, not only is NO WALL ALLOWED, all players (excluding the defending goalkeeper) must be even with or behind the 10 yard penalty line, and all defenders at least 15 feet from the ball until the ball is kicked. The kicker must shoot directly on goal and the goalkeeper must be in his/her penalty area on the goal line.