

Upstate Futsal 5v5 Rules

Below are the major law differences between soccer and futsal. If the rule is not addressed below, you can assume that the laws of play are the same as outdoor.

General Rules

- There are 4 field players and a Goal Keeper (GK).
- 25 minute games
- No offside.

Goalkeeper Rules

Goalkeepers may not punt, dropkick, or throw the ball into the opponent's goal. Goalkeepers can only distribute the ball with their hands. They cannot punt or dropkick the ball.

Substitutions

Free substitutions are made **"on the fly"**. Player can only enter or leave the game in the substitution areas marked by their respective benches, 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 (In-Direct)

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

Ball Out of Play

Kick-ins are considered indirect. Corner kicks are still considered a direct kick.

A ball kicked out over the touch line (side line) by one team becomes the other teams ball. Defense must be a minimum of 5 yards from the ball. 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.

Fouls and Misconduct

Slide Tackling

There is no slide tackling an opponent. Sliding is allowed in futsal under certain conditions, if in the opinion of the referee:

- 1) No opponents are nearby, a player may slide to intercept or direct the ball. No foul results.
- 2) The goalkeeper can slide to make a save.

Free Kicks

The opposing team must be a minimum of 5 yards from the ball.

Penalty Kicks

Shall be awarded if, in the referee's opinion, a scoring opportunity was nullified by an infraction (the infraction does not automatically result in a red card).

- Penalty kick will be taken from the free throw line.

Point System

- Win 3 points
- Tie 1 point
- Loss 0 points

Divisional Tiebreakers

When two teams are tied for one place in the preliminary games, the following criteria will be used to determine seeding for the playoffs:

1. Head-To-Head Competition (in the event of a tie among three or more teams, this criteria will not be considered), then
2. Most Wins, then
3. Goal differential (max. four goals per game)
4. Least Goals Allowed, then
5. Most Goals Scored (four goal differential)
6. Penalty Kicks*

* Penalty kicks will consist of each player (alternating between teams) taking a turn until one team scores unanswered. Once all players have taken a penalty kick, the rotation of those players will start over until a winner is determined.

Overtime (playoffs only)

Two five minute overtime periods will be played. If at the end of the second overtime period the score is still tied then, each team will remove one player. After the end of the second overtime period each team will remove a one player and play a third overtime period. The third overtime period will be golden goal. The first team to score in the third overtime period will win the match. At the end of the third overtime period if neither team has scored then penalty kicks will then be taken. If a team receives a red card during the course of the game or overtime period they must continue to play short for all of the overtime periods.

Penalty Kicks (Playoffs only)

In the event that the game is still tied after the first three periods of the overtime, then penalty kicks will be taken to determine the winner. If after three shooters the score is still tied, then one on one rounds will be conducted until a winner is determined. Each player must shoot before the first person can shoot a second time, including the goalkeeper.

Protests

NO PROTESTS ARE ALLOWED.

Tournament Director

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Sportsmanship

Players, coaches and spectators are expected to act in the nature of good sportsmanship at all times. Fighting will not be tolerated! Players, coaches, and fans guilty of fighting will be banned for the duration of the event. Abuse of the referee, verbal or otherwise, will not be tolerated.