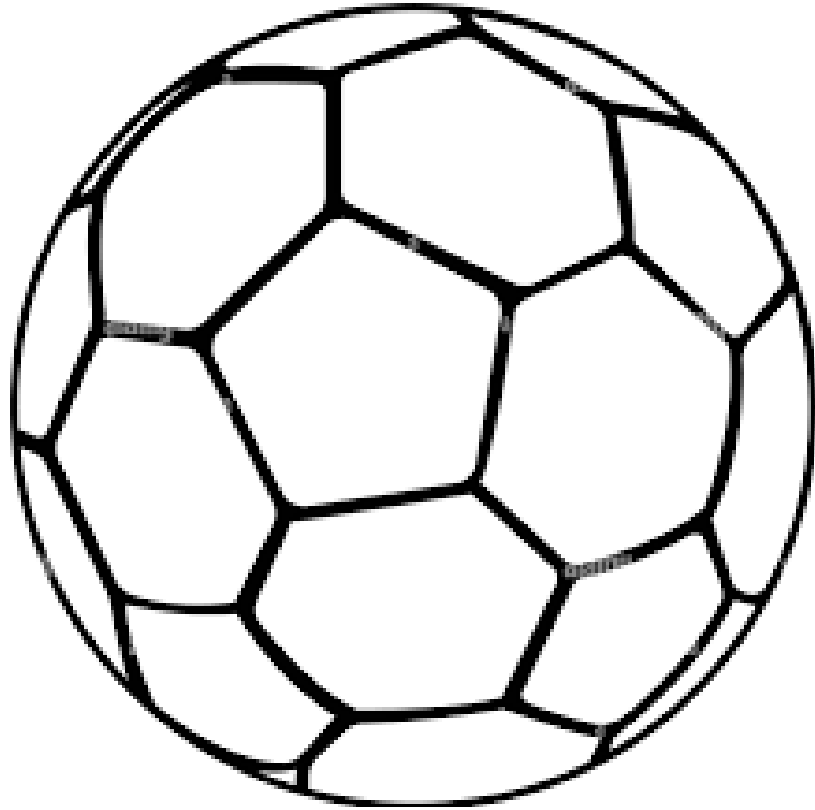


# Futsal Rules



**Facility:** Connell Recreation Center Basketball Court 10.

**Equipment:** All players must wear the same color shirts (numbers are NOT required). If two teams have similar colored shirts, the home team must change to an alternate color. The referee must approve the safety of any medical equipment such as casts or braces. Shin-guards are REQUIRED for all players.

**Roster Management:** Rosters may consist of as many players as a team desires, however the championship team will only be awarded seven (7) mugs and championship t-shirts.

**Minimum Player:** Games will consist of four (4) vs four (4). Teams must have a minimum of **three (3)** players to start a game. If for any reason the number drops below this, the team will be forced to forfeit. No goalies are allowed.

**Game Duration:** The game shall consist of two 12-minute halves, OR the game shall end when a team reaches a 6-goal lead. Games tied after regulation play shall go to penalty kicks with 3 shooters. Penalty kicks will be taken from mid-court. There will not be a goalie. If the score remains tied after 3 kicks for each side, then each team will have 1 opportunity apiece until the tie is broken.

**Substitutions:** Substitutions are unlimited and can happen prior to any kick-in, goal-kick, or corner-kick

**Rules:** NO OFFSIDE AND NO SLIDE TACKLING.

Contact, including excessive charging, pushing, & holding or jostling for position, will be called at the referee's discretion, but less contact is allowed compared to outdoor soccer.

**GOAL SCORING:** A goal may be scored from a touch on the offensive half on the playing field.

**GOAL BOX:** The goal box, 12 feet wide (the width of the three-second lane), by eight feet deep, is directly in front of the goal. No player may touch the ball within the goal box, however any player may move through the goal box. Any part of the ball or player's body on the line is considered in the goal box; the player is an extension of the box. An infraction occurs if a defender touches the ball in the goal box and a penalty kick is awarded to the offensive team. If an offensive player touches the ball within the goal box, a goal kick is awarded to the defensive team. Persistent infractions in the goal box

may result in a caution (yellow card). If the ball comes to a complete stop in the goal box, a goal kick is awarded to the defensive team regardless of which team touched it last.

**OUT OF PLAY:** The ball is out of play when it strikes any part of a basketball goal that has not been raised and which hangs in the vicinity of a soccer goal. The restart will be a goal kick or a corner kick. The ball is out of play when it strikes the ceiling or any object above the court. The restart will be an indirect free kick for the other team from the sideline closest to the spot where the ball struck the ceiling or object. The sidelines and end-lines of the basketball court will also be out of play, with a kick-in as the restart.

**FOUR-SECOND RULE:** All kicks — kick-offs, kick-ins, free kicks, goal kicks and corner kicks — must be kicked within four seconds of the time the ball has been placed (or reasonably should have been placed) to be kicked. Failure to kick the ball within four seconds will result in the other team taking possession.

**FIVE-YARD RULE:** In all dead ball situations, defending players must stand at least five yards away from the ball. If the defensive player's goal area is closer than five yards, the ball shall be placed five yards from the goal area in line with the place of the foul.

**KICK-INS:** Instead of a throw-in, the ball shall be placed on the sideline in a stationary position and kicked into play. The ball is not allowed to be lifted off the ground on a kick-in.

**INDIRECT KICKS:** All dead ball kicks (kick-ins, free kicks, kick-offs) are indirect with the exception of corner kicks and penalty kicks.

**GOAL KICKS:** Goal kicks may be taken from any point on the end line, but not in the goal box area. Goal Kicks can not pass the midfield line without being touched by a player. This will result in an indirect kick for the opposing team at midfield (where the ball crossed).

**PENALTY KICK:** Penalty kicks are *not* live balls. If a goal is not scored, the defense obtains possession with a goal kick.