

Simplified Futsal Laws – 2008-09

The game is comprised of two (2) equal 20 minute halves with five field players, one of whom is the goalkeeper, for each team (5v5 includes GK).

- Each team is allowed one (1) one minute TIME-OUT per half
- Time-outs may be granted when the team making the request has possession of the ball
- Teams must change benches at half time
- U12 and below- size 3 ball
- U14 and above- size 4 ball
- If the ball strikes the ceiling or lights, kick in awarded to team opposing the team who last touched the ball taken from the spot nearest the spot on touch line.

Kick-off:

- All players must be in their own half
- Defenders must be a minimum of 10 feet away (outside center circle)
- The ball must be stationary in the center
- The referee gives a signal (whistle or verbal “play”)
- The ball must go forward
- A goal may be scored directly from a kick-off
 - *For U19 and above only, U16 and below cannot (must have a second touch)*

Kick-ins:

- Kick-ins must be taken on the Touchline at the point where the ball crossed the line
- The kicker must have part of each foot either on the touch line or on the ground outside the touch line at moment of kicking the ball
- 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 from anywhere in the penalty area
- The ball must leave the penalty area before it's touched by a player from either team
- The goalkeeper, who's throwing the ball, may not touch the ball again until it has been touched by an opposing player or passed beyond the halfway line.
- Has only 4 seconds to place the ball into play
 - *U19 and above may throw past halfway line, U16 and below may not (this includes drop kicks and punts)*

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 he/she receives it.

Free Kicks:

- Opponents must be a minimum of 15 feet (5 yards/meters) from all direct free kicks, indirect free kick, kick-in and corner kick restarts.

Fouls:

- ALL OUTDOORS FOULS APPLY, plus also considered a foul;
 - Any “charge” (including shoulder to shoulder)
 - Slides in an attempt to play the ball when it is being played or attempted to be played by an opponent (except for the goalkeeper in his/her own penalty area)

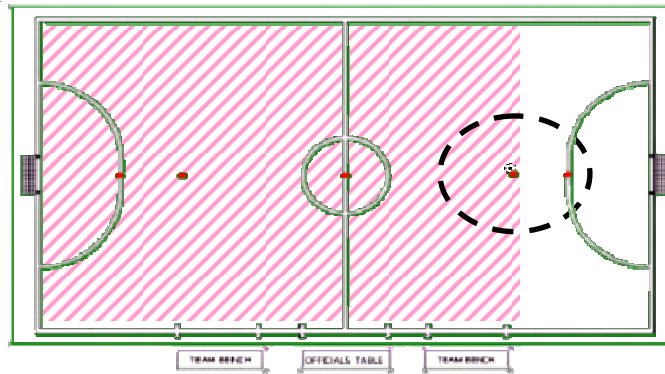
All DIRECT FREE KICK FOULS are ACCUMULATED FOULS and MAY be opposed with a WALL. Direct Free Kick Fouls are counted *even when advantage is applied*.

Any INDIRECT FREE KICK MAY be opposed with a WALL and do not count towards accumulated foul count.

The first five (5) DIRECT FREE KICK FOULS MAY be opposed with a defensive WALL

Beginning with the sixth ACCUMULATED FOUL against a team, NO DEFENSIVE WALL ALLOWED and all players (excluding the defending goalkeeper) must be even with or behind the ball and outside the penalty area and all defenders at least 15 feet (5 yards/meters) from the ball until the ball is kicked. The kicker must shoot directly on goal with the intention of scoring and the goalkeeper must be in his/her penalty area.

- If the foul is committed from the second penalty spot in his/her own defensive end to anywhere in the opponents defensive end, the free kick is taken from the second penalty spot



- If the foul is committed between his/her defensive goal line and the second penalty spot in his/her own defensive end, the free kick may be taken from this second penalty spot or from where the foul occurred.

