

# Overview of 2020-2021 Futsal Rules

- Teams may call one one-minute timeout per half.
- There is no overtime, injury time or stoppage time.
- Teams are comprised of four field players and one goalkeeper.
- The goalkeeper must wear a different colour jersey than the field players and the opposing goalie.
- There is no offside.

## Substitutions

All substitutions are on the fly, this includes goalkeeping substitutions. Teams will switch benches (and sides) at of halftime, ensuring that all substitutions take place in the defensive half.

## Kickoffs

A goal may be scored directly against the opponents from the kick-off. The ball is in play when it is kicked and clearly moves. Tapped balls are not in play – the ball must move.

**Kick-ins** are indirect. The ball must be placed on the line and be stationary. The kick must be taken within 4 seconds. If the kick-in does not enter the pitch or if another infraction occurs the kick-in is taken by the opposing team.

**Goal Clearances** are indirect. The ball is thrown or released from any point within the penalty area by the goalkeeper of the defending team. The ball is in play when it is thrown or released and clearly moves. It does not need to exit the penalty area. The ball must be put into play within four seconds. Opponents must be outside the penalty area until the ball is in play.

**Corner Kicks** are direct. The ball must be placed directly on the corner arc and the kick must be taken within 4 seconds. If the kick is not taken within 4 seconds the restart becomes a goal clearance for the opposing team.

**Free Kicks** can be indirect or direct. The ball must be stationary before the kick may be taken. The ball is in play when it is kicked and clearly moves.

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**Penalty Kicks** are taken from the penalty spot and must be taken by a clearly identified kicker. Defenders must be behind the ball when the kick is taken and may not be nearer to the ball than 5 m.

**Fouls and Misconduct** Same as soccer.

**Yellow Card / Caution** Same as soccer.

**Red Card / send-off** The offending team plays with one less player for two full game minutes or unless scored upon, before the two-minute penalty expires. The offending player serves a minimum one-match suspension.

**Accumulated Fouls** All direct free kick fouls are recorded on the scoresheet and on the scoreboard. If one team accumulates 6 or more direct free kick fouls in one half, the opposing team will take a penalty kick from the second penalty mark for every additional foul. The goal keeper can approach up to 5 m from the mark.

**Second Penalty Spot** 10 m from goal-line and the centre of the goal

**Penalty Spot** 6 m from goal-line and the centre of the goal and placed at the top of the penalty area line.

**Advantage** Advantage is applied in Futsal. Direct free kick foul will count as accumulated fouls if advantage is applied even if play is not stopped by the referees.

### **The Goalkeeper**

- May wear long pants and/or other padding as deemed safe by the match referee.
- May receive a kick-in directly but not use hands.
- May kick or throw the ball directly over the half-way line.
- May score directly with feet during the run of play.
- May not score a goal by using the hands or throw or hit the ball directly into the goal.
- May not possess the ball for more than four seconds in their own half.
- Cannot receive the ball from a teammate within their own half after releasing the ball into play unless an opponent has touched it.

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