

ETG Futsal Laws and Rules

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

- Each team is allowed one (1) one-minute TIME-OUT per half
- Time-outs can be granted at a stoppage but only when the team making the request has possession of the ball

Kick-off:

- Each team must have **3 players minimum**, 5 maximum to start the game
- Defenders must be outside the marked center circle
- The ball must be stationary in the center
- The referee must give a signal (whistle)
- The ball must go forward
- A goal may **NOT** be scored directly from a kick-off

Kick-ins:

- Kick-ins must be taken on the touchline
- If taken from outside the touchline, when kicked if it doesn't go in, it is a turnover to the opponents
- The kicker must have the anchor foot on or behind the touchline when striking the ball
- The ball may be played to the goalkeeper, but he/she may not play it with the hands, not play it again with the hand or the foot after that until it has touched an opponent ● The defending player must be at least 3 feet away on all kick-ins
- The ball must be stopped and not rolling as it is being kicked.

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's touched by any 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

Goalkeeper:

- After once playing the ball, the goalkeeper can't play the ball again until it has touched an opponent or gone out of play
- Must release the ball within 4 seconds of possession in his/her half of the field, total includes any hand and or foot combination
- Once released, may not again touch with hand OR foot until ball touches opponent or goes out of play
- May not play the ball with the hands when it is received directly from a kick-in.

Opponents must be a minimum of 5 yards from all free kicks and all restarts

Fouls: ALL OUTDOOR FOULS APPLY, Plus the following may also be considered a foul. A fair shoulder charge in outdoor is a foul in futsal;

- Sliding Tackles – Sliding tackles are not allowed in Futsal but players ARE allowed to slide on the pitch, for example to stop the ball from going out of play. For a player sliding to be considered an offence, the tackler's opponent must have possession of the ball. Referees will not give a foul for a slide if the opponent does not have possession of the ball.
- Any contact with an opponent before contact with the ball may also be a foul

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 5 feet away.

Beginning with the 6th ACCUMULATED FOUL against a team in a half, not only is NO WALL ALLOWED, all players (except the defending goalkeeper) must be 5 yards 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.

Coaches, and players not being immediately substituted, must stay in the technical areas. Players are allowed to receive tactical instructions from the coach if the coach wants to bring them over to the sideline if he/she wants. The Player/players must return to their positions after receiving tactical instructions. The referee is not authorized to wait on coaches who choose to have their players come to the sideline for tactical instructions.

Rosters:

- Teams are allowed to have a max roster of 10 players
- Rosters will LOCK after the 2nd weekend of play. Whoever is on your roster at the end of the day on Sunday December 6th...will be your final roster for the season. You will NOT be able to add anyone to your after that.

Uniforms:

- All uniform tops must be the SAME! Tops must be the same color, logo and have to have numbers on them. No duplicate numbers.

- Cleats and/or turf shoes are NOT allowed. If you have on cleats and/or turf shoes you will be asked to step off of the court until you have on the proper equipment. You are allowed to wear flats.
- HS Divisions and below ARE required to wear shin guards.

Misconduct:

- 2 Yellow cards=1 Red card which will result in a one game suspension ●
- If you receive a straight red card you will be suspended for 2 games. ●
- Any physical contact with an official will result in an automatic red card

We thank you for choosing ETG as your local futsal league! Our goal is to provide a fun and competitive environment for everyone who is involved!