

# Community Futsal

Laws of the Game



Northern Region  
Football

# Simplified Regulations

## Equipment & Uniform

- All players must wear non-marking footwear
- All players must wear same colour playing shirt, except for the goalkeeper who must wear a different coloured shirt or bib
- Shin pads with socks high enough to cover shin pads are required

## Game Duration

- 40-minute blocks
  - 2x 16-minute halves
  - 3-minutes half time break
  - 5-minutes between games





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## Number of Players & Substitutions

- 5 players are on the court at one time (including goalkeeper).
- Substitutions are unlimited “flying” substitutions.
- Players can re-enter the game from their own bench without notifying the referee.
- A substitute cannot enter the court until the player coming off has left the court.
- The referee must be notified if the goalkeeper is changed.

## Start of Play

- From a kickoff, the ball is in play once it is kicked and moves in any direction. The opposing team must be outside the center circle

## Out of Play

- Ball is placed on the sideline or the corner. Ball must be stationary and kicked into the court.
- Players have 4 seconds to kick the ball into play.
- All opposing players must be at least 5 metres from the ball.
- A goal cannot be scored directly from a kick-in unless it touches another player.
- The non-kicking foot can be anywhere (there are no foot fouls during kick-ins)
- The entire ball must be over the line for it to be out-of-bounds or a goal

# Laws of the Game cont.

## Goalkeepers

- Goalkeepers may only play the ball (with any part of their body) once per possession inside their own half. Once a goalkeeper has released the ball, they cannot play the ball again in their own half of the court until the opposition has touched the ball.
- Goalkeepers have 4 seconds to control the ball in their own half.
- Goalkeepers are not allowed to pick up a back pass from any of their teammates.
- Goalkeepers must throw the ball from the goal area to restart from a goal clearance.
- Opposition clearance: outside the penalty area for secondary schools.
- Intermediate schools – players must clear behind the retreating line until either (a) a defensive player has touched the ball or (b) the ball has crossed the retreating line. The “retreating line” is ‘defensive third’ line on a netball court.

## Fouls, Free Kicks, Penalties

- There is no offside rule in Futsal
- Players can score from direct free kicks, but not from indirect free kicks. Referees will inform teams which it is.
- At opposing players must be 5 metres from the ball during free kicks
- A penalty kick is awarded if a team commits a direct free kick inside the penalty area. All other players must be behind the ball and at least 5 metres away.



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**5 players on the court per team; this includes a goalkeeper**

**7 substitutes max, rolling substitutes**

**If the ball exits the field of play (side out), a kick-in takes place to restart play at the spot the ball exits**

**If the ball exits the field of play (goal line) it is either;**

- Goalkeeper throw
- Corner kick

**Players in possession of a restart of play, has 4 seconds to restart once the ball is set;**

- kick in, free kick, corner kick, goalkeeper throw

**All players including the goalkeeper are allowed on any part of the court including the penalty area**



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