

## OC Futsal – Rules

**Number of Players** - Minimum number of five (5 players including goalkeeper needed to start a match with minimum of three required to finish a match. Unlimited substitutions are allowed during the play with a maximum number of four (4) substitute players.

**Main Referee** - Enforce the laws, apply the advantage rule, keep a record of all incidents before, during and after game, stop game when deemed necessary, caution or expel players guilty of misconduct, violent conduct or other ungentlemanly behavior, allow no others to enter the pitch, stop game to have injured players removed, signal for game to be restarted after every stoppage, decide that the ball meets with the stipulated requirements.

**Duration of the Game** - Five minute warm up. Two equal periods of 25 minutes running time. Half time is 2 minutes.

**The Start of Play** - Home team kicks off with away team kicking off to start second half. Opposing team waits outside center circle and the ball is deemed in play once it has been touched. The kicker shall not touch the ball after the initial kick or touch before someone else touches it. Ensuing kick-offs taken after goals scored and at start of second half.

**Ball In and out of Play** - Ball out of play: When it has wholly crossed the goal line or touchline, when the game has been stopped by a referee, or when the ball hits the ceiling.

**Restart** - Kick in with four (4) second rule.

**Lines** - Touchlines and goal lines are considered inside the playing area.

**Method of Scoring** - When the whole of the ball has passed over the goal line, between the goal posts and under the crossbar (except by illegal means).

**Fouls and Misconduct** - Direct free kick awarded when a player intentionally commits any of the following 11 offenses. Penalty kick awarded when infringement takes place in penalty area.

- Kicking or attempting to kick an opponent
- Tripping an opponent
- Jumping at an opponent
- Charging an opponent in a violent or dangerous manner
- Charging an opponent from behind
- Striking, attempting to strike, or spitting on an opponent
- Holding an opponent
- Pushing an opponent
- Charging an opponent with shoulder (shoulder charge)
- Slide tackling or sliding at an opponent
- Handling the ball

**Fouls and Misconduct** - Indirect free kick awarded when any of the following offenses are committed. Kick taken from the 20-foot line when infringement takes place in penalty area):

- dangerous play (e.g. attempting to kick ball held by goalkeeper)
- obstruction
- charging the goalkeeper in the penalty area
- goalkeeper throws the ball directly over the half way line
- goalkeeper handles the ball when passed back
- goalkeeper handles the ball when kicked-in by from teammate

- goalkeeper touches the ball with any part of his/her body when passed back before the ball has crossed over the half line or been touched by an opponent

**Players shall be cautioned when:**

- a substituting player enters the court from an incorrect position, or before the player being substituted has left the pitch.
- Player persistently infringes the Laws of the Game.
- Dissent towards referee in any circumstance
- Unsportsmanlike conduct

(These 4 yellow card offenses are punishable by an indirect free kick from the point of infringement, or from the 20 ft line if infringement takes place in penalty area)

**Penalty Kick:**

- To be taken from the 20 ft penalty mark.
- The kicker is to aim at the goal with intention of scoring
- All players must be out of penalty area
- The kicker shall not play the ball a second time until the ball has been touched by another player.

**Kick Ins:**

- To be taken in place of throw-in.
- The ball is placed on the touch line before kicking.
- The kicker's foot not kicking the ball must be outside, or at least be touching the touchline.
- In correct kick-ins will result in turn-over of the ball to the opposing team.
- The kick-in must be taken within 4 seconds. If it is not, the ball is given to the other team.
- The kicker cannot play the ball a second time until the ball has touched another player.

- Players on opposing teams must be 5 yards away from point of kick-in.
- A goal cannot be scored directly from a kick-in.

### **Goal Clearance:**

- To be taken in place of a goal kick.
- From anywhere inside the penalty area, the goal keeper throws the ball into play.
- The ball is not in play until it has passed outside the penalty area. If it is received by a player inside the penalty area, a retake is given.

### **Corner Kick:**

- No corner Arcs in futsal
- Ball is placed on the corner. If it is misplaced, the corner kick is retaken.
- Must be taken within 4 seconds. Failure to do so results in an indirect kick awarded to the other team from the corner.
- The kicker cannot play the ball a second time until the ball has touched another player.
- A goal CAN be scored directly from a corner kick.