

# FUTSAL RULES

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## **Court and Ball**

- 1) Games will be played on the hard court.
- 2) Size 4 footballs will be used to play.
- 3) All court boundaries and dimensions will be shown to the teams prior to their matches.

## **Number of Players and Substitutions**

- 1) Teams can have a maximum of 8 players. Of these 4 would be on the court (3 players + 1 goalkeeper) at a given time.
- 2) Unlimited rolling substitutions are allowed. The substitute player can only enter the court after the other player has exited, it would be a foul otherwise. Substitutions can only be made when the game has been paused for an outside or a free kick.
- 3) The referee must be notified if the goalkeeper is being substituted.

## **The Player's Equipments**

- 1) All players within a team must wear the same colour playing shirt. Uniforms are highly encouraged, but a coordinated colour will suffice.
- 2) All players must wear proper sports shoes. Any other footwear shall not be allowed inside the court.
- 3) Shin pads are highly recommended.
- 4) Players must remove any jewellery, wrist watches, or anything sharp and deemed dangerous to other players.

## **The Duration of Match**

- 1) There would be two halves of 7.5 minutes each with 1 min break between the two halves.

## **Start and Restart of play**

- 1) The game shall start from the centre of the court.
- 2) From free-kicks the ball must be played forward. Direct goals from free kicks are not allowed. The opponent players must be at least 2m away from the ball during free kick.
- 3) If the ball goes outside the sidelines, the game shall be restarted like a free-kick from the sidelines.
- 4) Penalties shall be taken normally like in a normal football game.
- 5) Corner kick shall be awarded if the the ball touches the defending player before going over the goal line. Direct goals from corner kicks will not be awarded.

- 6) Goalkick will be awarded if ball crosses the goal line last touched by an attacking player.
- 7) All restarts of play must be completed in 4 seconds. 4 seconds begin at referee's discretion.
- 8) For a ball to be out of play it must have crossed the line fully, either on ground or in air.
- 9) No direct goal from the restart of the play is allowed.
- 10) The decision of whether the ball is in or out of play or whether a goal has been scored is at the discretion of the referee.

### **Free Kicks**

- 1) Free kicks will be awarded at the discretion of the referee.
- 2) Free-kicks are indirect, i.e for a goal to be awarded from a free kick, the ball must have touched at least one other player other than the one taking the freekick.
- 3) Handballs, tackles, pushes etc. can in a free-kick being awarded to the opponent team.
- 4) All opposing players must be at least 2m away from the ball during a free-kick.

### **Penalty Kick**

- 1) All penalties shall be awarded by the referee at his/her discretion. Generally fouls inside the D-area by the defending team shall result in a penalty kick .
- 2) During a penalty kick all players must stand behind the line of the ball (atleast 2m away).
- 3) The penalty taker should be identified before taking the penalty kick.
- 4) The player is allowed to take only 1 step behind to take the penalty kick.
- 5) The penalty will be taken after the referee indicated it by blowing the whistle.

### **Fouls and Misconduct**

- 1) Sliding tackles and tackles from behind are not allowed.
- 2) Physical contact is allowed but should be kept at the minimum. Even a drastic shoulder push shall result in a foul. These shall be judged by the referee.
- 3) There is NO offside rule.
- 4) The referee has the authority to remove a player from the game for misconduct. This shall be done in two ways:
  - a) The player can be sent off the field for 2 minutes.
  - b) The player can be sent off for the remainder of the game. These decisions shall be judged by the referee.

### **Goalkeepers**

- 1) The goalkeeper is required to start the play within 4 seconds.
- 2) Goalkeeper cannot pick up a back pass. If a goalkeeper picks up a back pass, free kick shall be awarded from the spot where he/she picks up the ball.
- 3) Goal keepers can start with a throw or indirect kick when the ball has gone behind the goalline out of play.
- 4) No direct goal from a goal kick or throw by the goalkeeper shall be awarded.
- 5) Throws and kicks must touch either a player or the ground before halfway at any restart of play. This does not include if the ball is dribbled out.

### **Referee**

- 1) The game shall be controlled by the referee who shall enforce all the rules of the game.
- 2) Referee has the right to warn or dismiss any player or spectator that they feel is causing disrepute to the game.
- 3) Referee may play an advantage if he/she sees that the team is not negatively effected by the decision.
- 4) The referee's decision is final and irrevocable.

### **Competition**

- 1) If a team forfeits a match, the opponent team shall be awarded a 5-0 victory.
- 2) Teams should report on time for their matches. If there is any problem regarding the timeslot of the match, it should be reported to concerned organisers 30 minutes PRIOR to the match. A team which fails to do so shall be considered as forfeiting the match.
- 3) If a team doesn't arrive on time, the referee shall wait for 5 minutes before awarding the other team 5-0 victory