

Face Off Sports Center
FUTSAL RULES

Face Off Futsal leagues follow the guidelines set forth by the United States Futsal Federation (USFF) with a few exceptions. In addition to these rules, Face Off has established “house rules” that supplement existing rules. Face Off also has established conduct policies required to attain a safe and positive environment that can be enjoyed by all players, coaches, and spectators.

A summary of Laws of the Game are as follows:

LAW I – The Playing Court

- U13 to U19 Youth and all Adult divisions will play on the full pitch, approximately 27 yards wide by 46 yards long
- U4 to U12 Youth will play on the mini-pitches, approximately 16 yards wide by 27 yards long

LAW II - The Ball

- U13 to U19 Youth and all Adult divisions = USFF Official Futsal ball - Size #4
- U4 to U12 Youth and all Adult divisions = USFF Official Futsal ball - Size #3

LAW III - Number of Players

- Minimum Number of Players to Start Match: 3, one of whom shall be a goalkeeper
- Minimum Number of Players to Finish Match: 3
- Maximum Number of Substitutes: 7
- Substitution Limit: None
- Substitution Method: "Flying substitution" (all players, except the goalkeeper enter and leave as they please; goalkeeper substitutions can only be made when the ball is out of play and with a referee's consent)

LAW IV - Players' Equipment

Usual Equipment: Numbered shirts*, shorts, socks, protective shin-guards, and flat shoes with NON-MARKING rubber soles. **No jewelry** may be worn during matches. Taped ear/nose/eyebrow rings are NOT allowed. You may tape medical bracelets.

* shirts/jerseys must be of the same color and have a 4-inch screened-on permanent number on the back. Tape, marker, chalk, etc. will NOT be permitted *

LAW V - Referees

· U13 to U19 Youth and all Adult divisions = 2 referees. EACH TEAM WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY \$14 PER MATCH TO ONE (1) OF THE MATCH REFEREES **BEFORE** THE MATCH.

· U4 to U12 Youth and all Adult divisions = 1 referee. EACH TEAM WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY \$7 TO THE ONE (1) REFEREE **BEFORE** THE MATCH

NO PAY = NO PLAY

LAW VIII - Duration of the Match

- Duration: Two equal periods of 20 minutes; the clock will NOT be stopped except at the referees' discretion
- Time-outs: No time-outs
- Half-time: Maximum of 2 minutes
- The game clock will start at game time, whether or not the team(s) are ready to play.
- If play does not commence within 5 minutes of the scheduled game time, a forfeit will be declared.

LAW IX - The Start of Play

The team listed as Visitors/Guest will kick-off to start the match. The Home team will kick-off to start the second half; opposing team waits outside center circle; ball deemed in play once it has been touched; the kicker shall not touch ball before someone else touches it; kick-offs may travel in any direction. For youth age groups U13-U19 and all Adult divisions, a goal may be scored directly on a kick-off. For U4-U12, kick-offs are indirect free kicks.

LAW X - Ball in and out of Play

- Ball out of play: When it has wholly crossed the goal line or touchline; when the match has been stopped by a referee; when the ball hits the ceiling (restart: kick-in on touchline at the place closest to where the ball touched the ceiling).
- Lines: Touchlines and goal lines are considered inside the playing area.

LAW XI - 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).

LAW XII - 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 at an opponent
- holding an opponent
- pushing an opponent
- charging an opponent with shoulder (i.e., shoulder charge)
- sliding at an opponent (i.e., sliding tackle)
- handling the ball (except goalkeeper)

Indirect free kick awarded when any of the following 8 offenses is committed (kick taken from the 7-yard line when infringement takes place in penalty area):

- dangerous play (e.g. attempting to kick ball held by goalkeeper, high kick)
- obstruction
- charging the goalkeeper in the penalty area
- goalkeeper throws ball directly over the halfway-line (without it first touching his/her own side of the pitch or any player)
- goalkeeper picks up or touches with his/her hands on a back pass
- goalkeeper picks up or touches with his/her hands on a kick-in from a teammate
- goalkeeper controls the ball with any part of his/her body for more than 4 seconds
- goalkeeper touches with any part of his/her body a back pass that has been played back to him before the ball has (1) crossed the halfway-line or (2) been touched by an opponent

Players shall be cautioned (i.e., shown yellow card) when:

- a substituting player enters the pitch from an incorrect position or before the player he is substituting has entirely left the pitch
- he/she persistently infringes the Laws of the Match
- he/she shows dissent with any decision of the referee
- he/she is guilty of unsporting behavior

These 4 yellow-card offenses are punishable by an indirect free kick taken from the point of infringement (or from the 7-yard line when the infringement takes place in penalty area).

Players shall be sent off (i.e., shown the red card) for:

- (a) serious foul play
 - (b) violent conduct
 - (c) foul or abusive language
 - (d) second instance of cautionable offense (i.e., second yellow card)
 - (e) intentionally impeding a clear goal opportunity (e.g. through a "professional foul")
 - (f) intentionally impeding a clear goal opportunity in the penalty area by handling the ball
- Direct free kicks (or penalty kicks) accompany the expulsion for (a), (b), (e) and (f); indirect free kicks, for (c) and (d) (from the 7-yard line when the infringement takes place in the penalty area).

Rules of Expulsion:

- The player sent off (shown a red card) is out for the rest of the match and is not even permitted to sit on the reserves' bench.
- The team of the player sent off can substitute for that player after 2 minutes of playing time or after the opposing team scores -- which ever comes first.
- The 2-minute punishment shall be checked by the timekeeper (or by the assistant referee, if there is no timekeeper).
- The substitute cannot come on until the ball is out of play and he has a referee's consent.

LAW XIII - Free Kick

- Types: Direct free kicks and indirect free kicks
- Wall: At least 5 yards away until the ball is in play
- Ball in Play: After it has traveled the distance of its own circumference
- Time Limit: Kick must be taken within 4 seconds
- Restriction: Kicker cannot touch the ball again until it has been touched by another player

LAW XIV - Accumulated Fouls

Accumulated fouls refer only to all the fouls mentioned in Law XII (direct kick offenses). Once a team has accumulated 5 fouls during a half, for all fouls from the 6th foul and beyond:

- offending team shall be punished with a direct free kick from the Second Penalty Spot awarded to offended team, unless the foul occurred by the defensive team inside their defensive penalty arc.
- offending team shall NOT be allowed a defensive wall

Procedure:

- Until the ball is kicked into play, all players other than the goalkeeper and kicker shall remain behind an imaginary line that is in line with the ball and parallel to the goal line.
- The goalkeeper shall remain in his/her goal line until the kick is taken, like in a penalty kick.
- The kicker must aim at the goal, with the intention of scoring.
- No other player may touch the ball until it has been kicked and travels its circumference, rebounds from the goalkeeper, the goal post or crossbar, or has left the pitch.
- If the infringement took place in penalty area, a penalty kick is awarded

LAW XV - Penalty Kick

- To be taken from the penalty mark on the mid-point of the 7-yard line.
- The kicker is to aim at goal, with the intention of scoring.
- All players must be out of the penalty area, and the players of the opposing team must also be at least 5 yards from the penalty spot.
- The kicker shall not play the ball a second time until it has been touched by another player.
- The goalkeeper shall remain in his/her goal line until the kick is taken.

LAW XVI - Kick-in

- To be taken in place of the 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 on the touchline; if it crosses the touchline all of the way, into the pitch, the kick-in is given to the opposing team.
- The kick-in must be taken within 4 seconds; if it is not, the kick-in is given to the opposing team.
- The kicker cannot play the ball a second time until it has been played by another player; infringement of this/her rule entail an indirect free kick to the opposing from the point of infringement.
- Players on opposing team must be at least 5 yards away from point of kick-in.
- Cannot score directly from a kick-in.

LAW XVII - Goal Clearance

- To be taken in place of goal kick.
- From inside the penalty area, the goalkeeper throws the ball into play.
- The ball is not in play until it has passed outside of the penalty area. If the goal clearance is received inside of the penalty area, the goal clearance shall be taken over.
- The goalkeeper may not throw the ball directly over the halfway-line (without it first touching his/her own side of the pitch or any player)

LAW XVIII - Corner Kick

- Ball placed on the corner (no corner-kick arc). If ball is misplaced, the corner kick is taken over.
- Must be taken within 4 seconds; failure to do so entails indirect free kick to the opposing team from the corner mark.
- The kicker cannot play the ball a second time until it has been played by another player; infringement of this/her rule entail an indirect free kick to the opposing from the point of infringement.
- Players on opposing team must be at least 5 yards away from point of the corner kick.
- Can score goal directly from a corner kick.

Annex 1 - Penalty Kick Shoot-out – FOR PLAY-OFFS ONLY. League matches may end in a tie

- Main referee decides goal to be used.
- Coin tossed to decide order.
- Five kicks to be taken by 5 different players selected from the 12 suited players. Captain of each team announces these 5 to the main referee before the kicks are taken.
- If two teams are still tied after 5 kicks, the additional kicks will be taken on a sudden-death basis by the rest of the players who have not kicked yet.
- Players sent off during the match are not eligible to take these kicks.
- Any eligible player may change places with his/her goalkeeper.
- While the penalty shoot-out is in progress, players will remain on the opposite half of the pitch. The assistant referee shall control this/her area.

Annex 2 - CO-ED RULES

- Each will consist of 2 male field players, 2 female field players, and 1 goalkeeper of either gender.
- Teams may not play with more than 2 male field players, even if they only have 1 female field player.
- Goals scored directly by female field players will count 2 points.
 - If a female field player's shot deflects off a defender of either gender = 2 points
 - If a female field player's shot deflects off a male *teammate* = 1 point
 - If a male field player's shot deflects off a female *teammate* = 2 points
 - If a defensive player of either gender scores on their own goal = 1 point
- Each male player (field player or goalkeeper) may score a maximum of 3 goals per game.
- The maximum total number of goals scored by all males on a team is 7 per game.
- There is no maximum number of goals that can be scored by female players per game.

Current conduct policies include, **but are not limited to**, the following:

Profanity in English and Spanish by players and/or coaches will result in either a yellow or red card.

Teams must have at least 3 rostered players present and ready to play at match time. There will be a five-minute grace period, but the match clock will not stop or be reset. If a team does not have 3 rostered players within 5 minute of the schedule start time for the match, the match will be a forfeit. Again, the match clock will NOT be stopped or reset for a team who is late or otherwise not ready to start at the scheduled match time.

Any Coach, Parent, or Spectator who **steps onto the playing surface** under any circumstances, without first being granted express permission by the Referee, will be ejected from the facility immediately and denied re-entry pending a disciplinary hearing by Face Off's manager and league coordinator.

Any Coach, Player, Parent, or Spectator who **enters an opposing team's locker room** under any circumstances, without first being granted permission by that team's Coach, Assistant Coach, Captain, or Manager, will be ejected from the facility immediately and denied re-entry pending a disciplinary hearing by Face Off's manager and league coordinator.

Any Coach, Player, Parent, or Spectator who **enters the referee's locker room** under any circumstances, without first being granted permission by the referee(s), will be ejected from the facility immediately and denied re-entry for a period of no less than six months.

At no time shall any Player, Coach, Parent, or Spectator **address a player or any referee using profanity or vulgar language, in any language.**

Any Coach of a youth team who uses profane, vulgar, or abusive language while on the bench will be assessed a red card and be ejected from the facility. If an assistant coach is not available, the match will be terminated, with a forfeit awarded to the team of the offending coach. All subsequent violations will result in an additional suspension from league activities pending a disciplinary hearing. Any Parent or Spectator who uses profane, vulgar, or abusive language during any league activity will be immediately ejected from the facility for a period of no less than 48 hours. All subsequent violations will result in immediate ejection from the premises and denial of re-entry for a period of no less than 30 days.

All players must wear shin guards that are completely covered by socks. Do not put shin guards on over the socks and then roll down the socks. If a player's socks do not completely cover their shin guards or their shin guards repeatedly fall out of his/her socks, the player will have to leave the pitch to correct the problem.

Any Player or Coach receiving **2 red cards during the regular season** will not be allowed to participate in the playoffs and will be denied registration in all Face Off leagues pending a disciplinary hearing.

Vandalism of any kind will not be tolerated. Players over the age of 18 will be subject to permanent expulsion from all League and Recreational activities, refusal of re-entry and prosecution to the full extent of the law. Players under the age of 18 will be placed on 30-day probation, during which time they may not enter the facility unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian at all times. Violation of any house rule during this/her probationary period will result in permanent expulsion from all League and Recreational activities and refusal of re-entry.

Only players, captains, coaches, and/or managers with AAU ID Cards and on a team's roster may be in the bench area. *Spectators of all ages are not allowed in the bench area.*

All League fees are non-refundable, except in the case where a division does not make.