

# Very Simplified Futsal Laws – 2017-18

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
- Teams shall change benches immediately at the end of the first half of play.

Kick-off:

- Each team must have **3 players minimum**, 5 maximum, to start the game.
- Defenders must be a minimum of 16 feet away (or outside 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 from within 10' of the point where the ball crossed the line
- If taken from outside the touchline, when kicked it doesn't go in, 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, nor play it again with the hand or the foot after that until it has touched an opponent

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 not 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 16 feet from all free kicks and all restarts.

Fouls: ALL OUTDOORS FOULS APPLY, plus the following may also be considered a foul;

- Slides in an attempt to play the ball when it is being played or attempted to be played by an opponent (except for the goalkeeper in his/her own penalty area)
- Any contact with an opponent before contact with the ball may also be a foul.

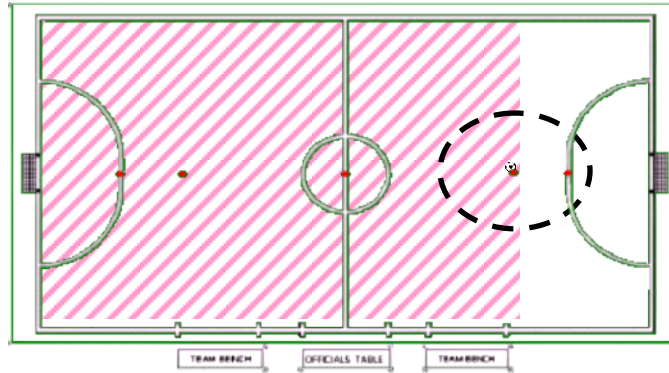
All DIRECT FREE KICK FOULS are ACCUMULATED FOULS, including DFK fouls when advantage is used regardless of whether the advantage is realized or not.

Any INDIRECT FREE KICK MAY be opposed with a WALL at least 16 feet away

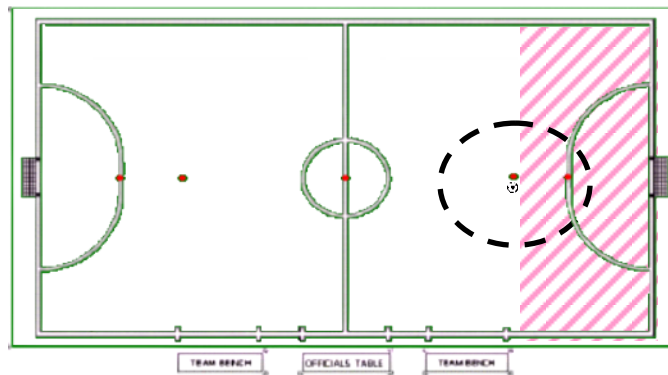
The first five (5) DIRECT FREE KICK FOULS in a half MAY be opposed with a WALL at least 16 feet away, or defenders on their own goal line.

Beginning with the sixth ACCUMULATED FOUL against a team in a half, not only is NO WALL ALLOWED, all players (excluding the defending goalkeeper) must be even with or behind the ball and outside the penalty area, and all defenders at least 16 feet 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 and at least 16 feet away.

- If the 6<sup>th</sup> + foul by a team is committed from the second penalty spot in his/her own defensive end to anywhere in the opponents defensive end, the free kick is taken from the second penalty spot.



- If the 6<sup>th</sup> + foul by a team is committed between his/her defensive goal line and the second penalty spot in his/her own defensive end, the free kick may be taken from this second penalty spot or from where the foul occurred.



Coaches, and players not being immediately substituted, must stay in the technical areas. Only one person at a time is authorized to convey tactical instructions and he/she must return to his/her position after giving these instructions, all the time remaining in the technical area. Coaches can only leave the technical area when beckoned by the referee to attend an injured player on the pitch.

If players elect to wear undergarments (e.g. under shirts or shorts), the color of the undergarment must be the same color as the main outer garment.

Players must not reveal undergarments showing slogans or advertising. The basic compulsory equipment must not have any political, religious or personal statements.

A direct free kick shall be awarded to the opposing team if a player tackles an opponent. A fair shoulder charge in outdoor is a DFK foul in Futsal.

A ball in flight, when horn blows to end period, may still score a goal, but only directly. Any foul that is committed to circumvent this results in more time being added for the additional restart.

Goalkeeper may not throw a ball from his/her penalty area and score a goal directly

Slides are allowed, but are now IFK if it endangers an opponent and contact is not made. If contact, DFK.