



Futsal Rules Condensed Version May 2009



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 only when the team making the request has possession of the ball

Kick-off:

- Each team shall have 5 players to start the game.
- They must be in their own half (U9-10 are allowed 6 total)
- Defenders must be a minimum of 15 feet away (outside center circle)
- The ball must be stationary in the center
- The referee gives a signal (whistle or verbal "play")
- The ball must go forward
- A goal may be scored directly from a kick-off

Kick-ins:

- Kick-ins must be taken on the Touchline at the point where the ball crossed the line
- The kicker must have both feet 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

Goal Clearance:

- The goalkeeper must throw or roll the ball from anywhere in the penalty area
- The ball must leave the penalty area before it's touched by a player from either team
- The goalkeeper who's throwing the ball, may not touch the ball again until it has been touched by another player or passed beyond the halfway line.

Goalkeeper:

- May not play the ball with the hands when intentionally passed back from the foot of a teammate.
- May not dribble the ball into his/her own penalty area and pick it up, no matter from whom it is received.

Opponents must be a minimum of 15 feet from all direct free kicks, indirect free kick, kick-ins and corner kicks.

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.

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

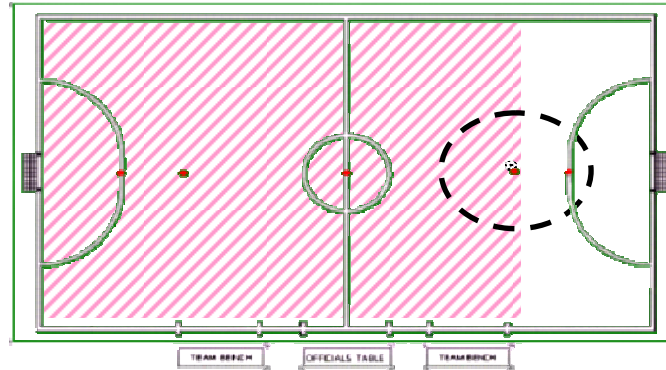
Any **INDIRECT FREE KICK** MAY be opposed with a WALL

The first five (5) direct free kick fouls MAY be opposed with a WALL

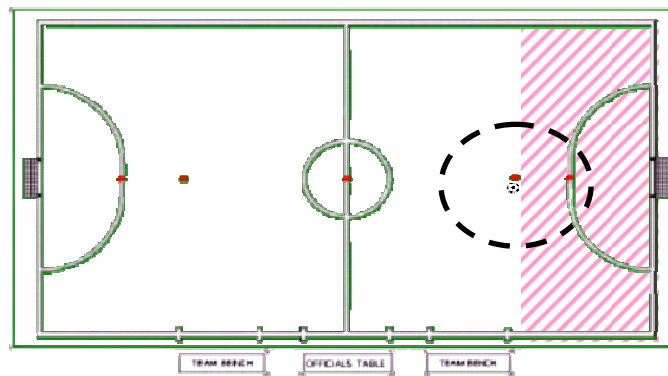
Beginning with the sixth **ACCUMULATED FOUL** against a team, not only is NO WALL ALLOWED, all players (excluding the defending goalkeeper) must be even with or behind the ball and outside the penalty area,

and all defenders at least 15 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.

- If the 6th + 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 6th + 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.



Law Changes for 2008-2009

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. Technical areas

If players wear undergarments (under shirts or shorts), the color of the undergarment must be the same main color as that of the jersey or shirt.

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 direct free kick shall be awarded if a player slides in an attempt to play the ball while an opponent is playing it or is about to play it (sliding tackle), except for the goalkeeper in his/her own penalty area, provided he/she does not endanger the safety of an opponent.

An indirect free kick shall be awarded to the opposing team if a goalkeeper, after clearing the ball, touches it again with his/her hands following a deliberate pass by a team-mate, before it has crossed the halfway line or been played or touched by an opponent.