

Louisville Futsal ('17-'18) Winter League

Summary Sheet of common FIFA Futsal rules / language used / slight modifications to the FIFA Futsal rules:

MODIFICATION:

U10 and younger

- a. Play 4v4; 3 field players, plus a GK (during league play).
- b. Futsal Pass-back rule is NOT in effect. Field players may play back to the GK as many times as needed. GK is not permitted to use their hands when passed back "intentionally".
- c. All games are Four (4) x 10 minute quarters. Teams are allowed a 1 minute break between quarters and 5 minute half-time interval.
- d. The center line rule is in effect for this age group. If the GK throws the Futsal ball with their hands beyond the designated center line of the court an indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team at the 2nd penalty mark of the offensive half of that team taking the free kick. The other (defensive) team is allowed to make a wall 5 yards away from the 2nd penalty mark free kick mark.

U11 and older

- a. 5v5 format; 4 field players, plus GK.
- b. U11-U12 age groups – size 3 futsal ball
- c. U13 and older – size 4 futsal ball
- d. All games are Two (2) x 20 minute halves. Teams are allowed a Five (5) minute half-time interval.

Addendum from previous league rules due to FIFA enforcing (addendum) rule changes a few years back...

-- PASSBACK RULE TO THE GK (new to the league, addendum added years ago by FIFA)

The GK has One (1) touch per possession meaning that once the GK plays the ball back into their field players with their hands or feet, they can't touch the ball again within that team's possession when their teammate passes it back to them (either intentionally or accidentally). What allows for a PASSBACK to be an option to the GK is if there is a kick-in, free-kick (stoppage of play), the GK can be used as a PASSBACK option. Once the defending team makes contact with the ball, the GK may be used as a PASSBACK option also.

This PASSBACK rule doesn't apply when the GK is in their offensive half.

-- NO THREE (3) LINE RULE U11 AND OLDER

There will be no Three (3) line/center line rule on the GK when playing the ball back into play with their hands (per House Rules in previous years). FIFA Futsal rules allow the GK to distribute the ball with their hands using any part of the court space.

LANGUAGE USED / OTHER COMMON FUTSAL RULES:

1. **ABSOLUTELY NO SLIDE TACKLING AGAINST AN OPPONENT IN YOUTH GAMES.** PLAYERS CAN SLIDE TO BLOCK SHOTS, PASSES, and EVEN TO KEEP THE BALL FROM GOING OUT OF BOUNDS, AND GOING INTO THE GOAL MOUTH. HOWEVER, A SLIDE THAT RESULTS IN JEOPARDIZING THE SAFETY OF PLAYERS WILL RESULT IN AN INFRACTION, INDIRECTED KICK (house rule).
2. Goal kicks are restarted with GK using their hands to put back into play...they are called goal clearance in Futsal. This restart needs to clear the penalty box before a field player can touch it (just like a goal kick in outdoor soccer).

3. Substitution is completed on the file during the run of play with the tag of hands between the two players on the same team. There is a 5 yard substitution area where substitution needs to be executed. FAILING to execute this substitution will result in an INDIRECT FREE KICK for the opposing team at the spot where the ball was at on the field if in the run of play, or if the ball is already out of bounds, the kick in call stays as is. The player that caused the substitution infraction needs to be issued a yellow card (during league play, officials will use their own discretion when issuing a yellow card or not).
4. All kick ins are indirect kicks (just like thrown-ins with outdoor soccer).
5. Restarts/Free Kicks/Kick-ins need to be executed within 4 seconds (referees will be especially aware of surroundings when enforcing this rule). Once the ball has been placed down and ball completely stopped the 4 second count has started. **GOALKEEPER AND 4 SECONDS...**at all times during the game, when the goalkeeper is in possession of the ball they have 4 seconds to release the ball – this rule DOES NOT apply when the GK is in their offensive half of the court.

6. **ACUMULATED FOULS (per half):**

If a team accumulates 5 team fouls (please refer to the FIFA futsal rules to see what is considered an accumulated foul, which are any of the TEN (10) DIRECT KICK FOUL infractions), the next foul (6th team foul) on that team will result in a free kick without a wall for the opposing team at the second penalty mark; 11 yards away, or on a designated volleyball line on the court; NO WALL is allowed from the team guilty of the 6th or more accumulated foul in that half. This continues to happen for any other direct kick (Accumulated) foul that occurs in that one half.

The accumulated team foul rule starts over after half time, but accumulated fouls that happen in the 2nd half will carry over in the event there is Overtime.

a. **ADVANTAGE GIVEN BY THE OFFICIAL:**

In the case of an advantage given to a player where an ACCUMMULATED FOUL has occurred, the official will signal to the score table that a ACCUMMULATED FOUL has occurred, but advantage has been given. This foul is recorded at the score table and counts toward the total accumulated team fouls. So, if a foul has occurred, but advantage has been given, the score table records this foul anyways, plus a possible additional ACCUMULATED FOUL that might occur later in the flow of play. In the event there is no official at the scorer table, the Lead Official will record the fouls.

b. **INDIRECT KICK FOULS** are not counted as accumulated fouls.

7. Each team is allowed a one (1) minute TIME-OUT per half once the ball has been played out-of-bounds and in their possession. Players may not substitute until the game has been re-started.

EXPECTATION OF CIVIL CONDUCT

Any parent, coach, player or spectator who disrespects the officials or staff or uses foul language or physical contact of any kind will be removed from the facility and/or tournament.