



# WELCOME TO COACHING AT FYSA!

Thank you for dedicating your time and energy to serve as a coach for Fairbanks Youth Soccer Association.

We are excited to share our coaching framework, designed to support you in being the best coach possible for our youth players. Inside this binder, you'll find multiple resources aimed at assisting coaches at every level. Please don't be overwhelmed by the amount of content; it's here to support you, and you are not expected to master everything.

## **First-Time Coaching? No Problem!**

Start by exploring the FYSA coaching philosophy, player development frameworks, and pre-made training plans tailored to each age level. These resources are designed to guide you through your initial coaching experience with ease.

## **Looking to Dive Deeper?**

If you're interested in developing your own training sessions, delve into the material on the Play-Practice-Play format. This approach will help you create effective and engaging sessions for your players.

## **Additional Resources:**

Your binder also includes summaries of the rules for futsal (indoor soccer) at various levels, the complete rulebook, emergency procedures, and contact information for key individuals such as FYSA staff, the director, and FNSBSD staff in case of any issues with gym facilities.

## **Continuing Your Coaching Education:**

Looking to develop your coaching skills even further? We reimburse coaches who take USSF Grassroots online courses, United Soccer Coach courses, or USYF courses. Please contact us for more information.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you need any support or have questions. Thank you once again for your time and energy to help make our season happen!



## **Your Responsibilities as a Coach**

- **Maintain a Safe, Inclusive, Effective Team Environment**

- Manage the training and game environment to prevent injuries and accidents.
- Manage the training and game environment so all players feel accepted and supported by their coaches, teammates, and families.
- Retain emergency contact information for all players.
- Know what to do in the case of an emergency. Understand the FYSA Medical Emergency Action Plan and retain access to the FYSA EAP documents for facilities.
- Understand and abide by FYSA weather policies.
- Communicate with families of players about training times and games, including any changes.
- Layout appropriate policies so families understand your coaching approach.
- Serve as a positive example of sportsmanship with officials, coaches, players and families.

- **Coaching Training Sessions**

- Be on time and prepared to lead every training session. Any substitute coach must be SafeSport certified.
- Use the development framework to create fun, useful practice sessions that help players learn soccer and prepare for the game (scrimmaging for 30 minutes is not training!).

- **Coach Games**

- Attend every match. Any substitute coach must be SafeSport certified.
- Set expectations for player arrival (FYSA recommends at least 15 minutes in advance).
- Ensure every player receives at least 50% playing time.
- Create an environment and gameplan which supports and guides players towards giving their best contribution to the game in order to further their development.
- Help players manage success and challenges in a match-environment in a positive manner.

**FYSA is happy to provide coaching assistance to model a training session or help with match preparation. Please don't hesitate to contact us.**



## **RECREATIONAL COACH TRAINING POLICY**

Fairbanks Youth Soccer Association will fully reimburse any coach that completes an approved online training course under the following conditions:

-Reimbursement up to \$75.00 per calendar year. We will reimburse 50% of the price of course above this amount, up to a maximum of \$125.00 total.

-The training must be completed. Completion certificate or license must be provided.

-Coaches must agree to coach one season in *addition* to the current season (coaching a total of 2 seasons). Reimbursement is submitted once the coach is registered to coach their second season.

## **APPROVED COURSES**

US Youth Futsal Coach Education Level 1

US Youth Futsal Coach Education Level 2

United Soccer Coaches Foundations of Coaching Level 1

United Soccer Coaches Foundations of Coaching Level 2

United Soccer Coaches Foundations of Coaching Level 3

United Soccer Coaches 4v4 Development Diploma Course

United Soccer Coaches 7v7/9v9 Development Diploma Course

United Soccer Coaches 11v11 Pre-National Diploma Course

United Soccer Coaches Futsal Level 1 Diploma Course

United Soccer Coaches GK Level 1 Diploma Course

USSF Grassroots 4v4 License Course

USSF Grassroots 7v7 License Course

USSF Grassroots 9v9 License Course

USSF Grassroots 11v11 License Course



## GYMNASIUM INSTRUCTIONS

**OPENING TIME:** School gymnasiums are opened 15 minutes prior to the start of the first event at the location. If your gymnasium is not open at this time, please call the FNSBSD answering service at 907-388-8424 or use the number posted on the facility door.

**ENTRANCE DOORS:** Entrance doors for our events are often not the main entrances to the building. Please see the building Emergency Action Plans (EAP) for information on entrances.

**GOAL SET-UP & CLOSE DOWN:** Goals will not be set up for teams when they arrive at their gymnasium. It is the responsibility of the first team arriving to set-up the goals and the last team departing to remove the goals. Ask the janitorial monitor at your first practice where goals are located. Several locations store them outside. Please ensure there is no snow on them when you bring them inside.

**CLEAN-UP WATER:** Water is very dangerous on a hard court. Do not allow players to track water onto the court and immediately clean up water that gets on the surface. Mops are usually located near the bleachers, but contact the janitorial monitor if you need help. We have also provided a small court towel in your coaching bag.

**TRANSITION QUICKLY:** When your training is over, transition quickly to allow the next team to set-up. Most training should end in a scrimmage that requires little or no clean-up.

**NO ONE LEFT BEHIND:** After training, coaches may not leave until a parent-guardian arrives to take their player home. Never leave a youth player alone inside or outside the school.

**EMERGENCIES:** If a medical emergency occurs, please refer to the general EAP procedures and building information located in binder. Once the immediate emergency has passed, please immediately contact the Executive Director by text with the prefix "URGENT" at 907-987-6334. If SMS texting is unavailable, please call.

**REPORT INJURIES:** Any injury sustained to a player that requires the player's immediate removal for medical attention, whether by medical professionals or by parent/guardians, should be reported to the FYSA staff. Email [staff@fairbanksyouthsoccer.com](mailto:staff@fairbanksyouthsoccer.com) with the subject line "INJURY REPORT."

**TWO-DEEP POLICY:** Coaches should try to keep two adults on premises during practices and games. During games, the opposing coach suffices. Coaches should ask a parent to stay during training if no other adult is available. The two-deep policy enables the coach to better handle any emergency and protects both the coach and the players.



**U8**

## **Player Development Framework**

**"I am playing with my friends."**

### **Developmental goals:**

Learning the basic understanding of attacking, defending, and transition by playing together.

### **Developmental needs:**

- Activities focused on the goals of attacking and defending and how to accomplish them.
- Ball experiences in game-like situations with attention to the key qualities.
- Experiences of attacking and defending together (reading the game & making decisions!)

### **Key Qualities (what we are seeking in player behavior):**

- Responds to situations in the game (cues).
- Understands where and how to move themselves and the ball in the game.
- Confronts situations and demonstrates bravery.
- Delivers on promises & obligations.
- Evaluates their own performance.

### **Attacking Actions (what we seeking to teach):**

- Shoot -Pass or dribble forward -Spread out -Create passing options -Support the attack

### **Defending Actions (what we are seeking to teach):**

- Protect the goal -Steal the ball -Make it compact -Keep it compact

### **Behavioral Qualities.**

- Short attentions spans—Keep practice moving.
- Live in the moment—Keep focus on moment, not the past.
- Focus on self—Accept their behavior and praise sharing/teamwork actions.

**Keep the focus on fun! Base all training around soccer-oriented games and activities.**

**If you're helping players enjoy the game, learn its rules, learn skills, and develop teamwork, you're doing a great job!**



**U8**

## **Player Development Priorities**

### **Introduction to fun and teamwork in soccer**

Some U8 players will have experience with soccer and some will not. Our primary goal is to help players enjoy and understand the game of soccer while building basic technical and physical foundations with a sense of teamwork. At every moment, the coach should be focused on players having fun. If soccer is fun, players will want to return and play again.

### **Priorities**

**1. Psychological** (high)—Players should be learning to enjoy themselves playing soccer by working together. We want players to have the ball and use it to dribble or pass toward the goal and we also want players to regain the ball when their team loses it. We introduce the idea of teamwork at this level by asking players to work together in pairs to attack and defend.

**2. Technical** (high)—Players should be learning basic soccer skills with a particular emphasis on dribbling and a secondary emphasis on passing. Dribbling is still our biggest technical priority.

Key skills to develop (both feet!):

- Dribbling with all foot surfaces (top, inside, outside, sole)
- Changing speed & direction while dribbling.
- Looking up while dribbling.
- Dribbling past an opponent.
- Dribbling out of trouble toward space.
- Good first touch receiving a pass.
- Passing with inside of foot.

Secondary skills to develop:

- Introduce shielding the ball with body.
- Introduce shooting (with laces & inside of foot).
- Introduce juggling (one bounce juggles w/both feet)

**3. Physical** (low)—Physical priorities should only be on the development of players' basic physical movement. For example: running, skipping, hopping, jumping, balancing, etc. There should be no fitness training or any sort of sport-specific training at this age.

**4. Tactical** (very low)—We introduce a basic 1-2-1 formation at this age, but keeping it is not important. When attacking, we emphasize spreading out and getting open for a pass. When defending, we emphasize getting compact together to defend the goal. No further tactics are needed.



# Developing a Play-Practice-Play Training Sessions

## Planning a Session

Each training session should be directed to a specific phase of the game (Attacking/Defending) and work on developing player actions and skills appropriate to the phase of play and the age-level (see "Player Development Framework"). The key to an effective training session is to create exercises that emphasize the actions and skills you want your players to learn. The USSF suggests that all training exercises should be: -Organized, Game-like, Repetitive, Challenging and involve effective Coaching. Repetitive doesn't mean "drills"--it means the exercise creates the situation where the actions and skills will be used.

## Develop the Three Phases

**Play Phase 1.** This phase is a small-sided game, ranging from 1v1 to 5v5 (for outdoor soccer) that gets players playing immediately. The boundaries, locations of the goals, and rules can be conditioned to create circumstances that emphasize the drills. During the Play Phase 1, the coach will take short breaks (1-2 minutes) from playing to help guide players.

**Practice Phase.** This phase is an exercise or activity—not necessarily a game—where the coach emphasizes the core goals of the training session. If possible, these exercises (not drills!) should involve some element of open play with opponents, especially at older ages. These practice phase exercises often are conditioned to create success when emphasizing the concepts. For example, to emphasize the value of passing, an exercise might be 4v3, so that there is always an open pass.

**Play Phase 2. The Game.** The second play phase is an open play format designed to simulate match play. This may be a larger small-sided game or even a full scrimmage. The second play phase should involve coaching the players, but not interrupting them. There should be a 1-2 minute half-time break for the coach to work with the players. For example, in a 20 minute period, the team might play two 9-minute halves, with a 2-minute break.

## Coaching Tips:

- Coach the phase of the game and the actions that are the focus of the training session. If you are coaching "Attacking" and "Creating Chances in the Opponent's Third" and the actions you want are "Dribble or Pass Forward", don't get stuck coaching the defenders or other aspects of the game. Stick nearly entirely to the coaching points. Just a few ideas at a time work best.
- Assess and adjust to meet the needs of your team. If the team is struggling to achieve their goal, change the game to make it easier. If the team isn't finding the activity fun, consider altering it or giving incentives. Our first goal is fun—if players aren't having fun, they won't learn. A fun activity that teaches some soccer skills is better than a boring activity that looks like it'll teach many skills.
- Your energy levels and your emotions dictate how training sessions will go. If you are positive, fun, and energetic, then your players will likely be the same. If you are negative, tired, and sluggish, your players will likely be that as well. The difference between a good coach and bad coach often isn't the activities, but the attitude of the coach.



# Sample Play-Practice-Play Timeline

**Training start time:** 6:00pm

**Training length:** 60 minutes

## **PRE-SESSION SET UP**

5:50-5:58 PM—Coach sets-up Play Phase 1 activities, greets players as they arrive.

## **PLAY PHASE 1: INTENTIONAL FREE PLAY**

5:59-6:00PM—Coach calls in players that are there, explains the Play Phase 1 quickly, gets the game going.

6:00-6:05PM—Players play. Coach adds in new players that arrive late, and makes coaching points to players as they play.

6:05-6:06PM—FIRST BREAK—Coach introduces topic of practice and poses guided questions.

6:06-6:12PM—Players play. Coach might change opponents. Coach emphasizes key points from plan.

6:13-6:14PM—SECOND BREAK—Coach asks players to share answers to questions and guides them to answers.

6:14-6:19PM—Players return to play.

6:19-6:20PM—BREAK BETWEEN PHASES—PLAYERS GET WATER

## **PRACTICE PHASE**

6:20-6:22PM—Coach explains and demonstrates the practice activity.

6:22-6:27PM—Players play in the activity.

6:27-6:28PM—FIRST BREAK—Coach reminds the players of topic and poses new guided questions.

6:28-6:33PM—Players play in the activity. Coach emphasizes points.

6:33-6:36PM—SECOND BREAK—Coach asks players to share answers to questions and guides them to answers. Demonstrates any key technical point.

6:36-6:40PM—Players play in the activity. Coach emphasizes points.

6:40-6:41PM—BREAK BETWEEN PHASES—PLAYERS GET WATER

## **PLAY PHASE 2: THE GAME**

6:41-6:42PM—Coach divides up players and explains the scrimmage game.

6:42-6:50PM—Players play in a scrimmage style game without interrupts (except if needed). Coach makes points to players as play goes on (coaching over play).

6:50-6:52PM—HALF-TIME—Coach emphasizes key points, demonstrates any technical element.

6:52-7:00PM—Players play in a scrimmage style game, as above.

7:00PM—END OF SESSION!



# Simplified Play-Practice-Play Training Outline

Use the age-appropriate Player Development Framework to fill this out.

**PHASE OF PLAY** (Attacking/Defending): \_\_\_\_\_

**GOAL:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PLAYER ACTIONS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SKILLS FOR DEVELOPMENT:** \_\_\_\_\_

## 1st Play Phase: Intentional Free Play

Player objective: \_\_\_\_\_

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Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Practice Phase:** \_\_\_\_\_

Player objective: \_\_\_\_\_

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Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 2nd Play Phase: The Game

Player objective: \_\_\_\_\_

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Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

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Exercise Diagrams

## PLAY/PRACTICE/PLAY: U8 FUTSAL SESSION 1: ATTACKING THROUGH DRIBBLING

GOAL: Improve building-up in opponent's half in order to create chances

PLAYER ACTIONS: Pass/dribble

KEY QUALITIES: Optimal technical, Read game/make decisions, Optimal physical

Michael Souders

AGE: U6 / 4v4 / 8 players

Attacking

DURATION: 60 min

### 1ST PLAY PHASE: Intentional Free Play

OBJECTIVE: Dribble past opponent in order to create chances to score.

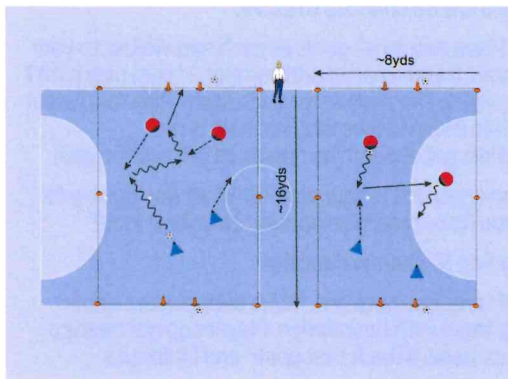
ORGANIZATION: Mark out two 16x8 -yard fields (48x24 feet) with two mini-goals made with cones or other convenient items on each end. You can adjust the size to your needs. Players are put out in pairs. Play for 20 minutes with two 1 minute breaks. All restarts should be dribble-ins.

KEY WORDS: Dribble forward! Get around your opponent! Go to the goal!

GUIDED QUESTIONS: 1) What are we trying to do in the game? 2) What do we look for if an opponent tries to stop us? 3) How can we get past our opponent?

ANSWERS: 1) Dribble past our opponent to score in the goal. 2) Openings between or around our opponent 3) Change direction to get to the opening.

NOTES: FIRST BREAK: Coach asks players questions but asks them to try to discover answers while playing. SECOND BREAK: Coach asks player what they've found out and guides them. We want to encourage players to want the ball and to dribble & change direction. Do not demand passing. Help them learn direction and boundaries as you go.



### PRACTICE PHASE (Game Activity 1): Circle Dribbling in Traffic

OBJECTIVE: Dribble past opponents and control the ball

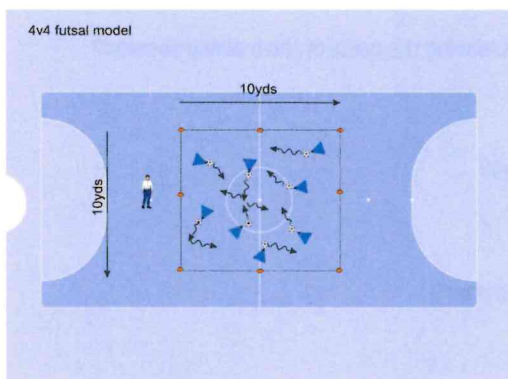
ORGANIZATION: 10x10yd sq. w/cones. Each player w/a ball. Players move, avoiding each other. 1 min progressions. Players: 1: Carry ball in hands & move around, avoiding each other. 2: Dribble, avoiding each other. 3: Dribble & coach calls "turn!" & players change direction w/o colliding. 4: Dribble & coach calls "STOP!" and all must stop ball. Point out who is last.

KEY WORDS: Keep the ball close! Change direction! Keep looking around!

GUIDED QUESTIONS: 1) What do we need to do to keep control of the ball? 2) What parts of the feet should I use? 3) How do I stop myself from running into teammates?

ANSWERS: 1. Keep it close 2) Use all parts of your feet and use both feet 3) Head up, look around!

NOTES: AFTER 2ND PROGRESSION : Ask players their totals and propose the questions. Tell them you'll be looking for what they discover. AFTER THIRD: Ask players for answers. In breaks, show them how to use top, inside, outside, toe and sole to change direction.



### PRACTICE PHASE (Game Activity 2): DRIBBLE AND SCORE!

OBJECTIVE: Dribble past opponents and control the ball

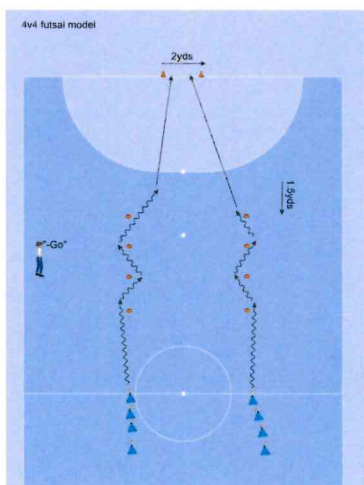
ORGANIZATION: Create 2 lines of cones w/4 cones, headed toward a small goal (2yds). Players line-up behind cone lines, dribble through cones & shoot to score, retrieve ball and run back to opposite line. Coach dictates pace w/ "Go" call & encourages them to dribble and shoot. Progressions 1: Any foot. 2: Right (inside/outside/sole/top) 3: Left 4: Both

KEY WORDS: 1) Dribble quickly! 2) Keep control! 3) Shoot!

GUIDED QUESTIONS: 1. How do we keep control of the ball? 2. What parts of the foot can we use? 3. How do we know where the cones are?

ANSWERS: 1. Keep it close and move. 2. Top, inside, outside, sole, toe 3. Keep are head up!

NOTES: Play four 2- minute games: FIRST BREAK: Ask players their totals and propose the questions. Tell them you'll be looking for what they discover. SECOND BREAK: Ask players for feedback on questions. Guide them to correct answers. Take a moment during the break to show them how to use all surfaces of their foot to turn and keep the ball.



## PLAY/PRACTICE/PLAY: U8 FUTSAL SESSION 1: ATTACKING THROUGH DRIBBLING

GOAL: Improve building-up in opponent's half in order to create chances

PLAYER ACTIONS: Pass/dribble

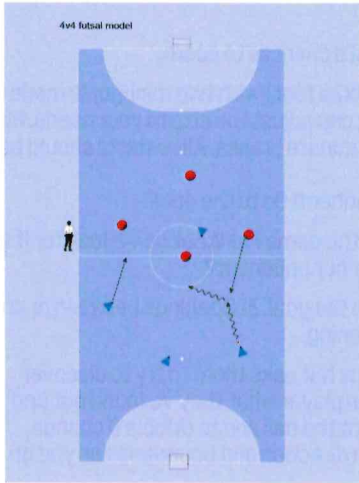
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Attacking

DURATION: 60 min



### 2ND PLAY PHASE: THE GAME

OBJECTIVE: Dribble around our opponent and create chances to score.

ORGANIZATION: Use a full size futsal pitch. Place two small goals at each end. Adjust to your needs. Divide the players into two even teams. If you have an odd number, 1 team play with 1 less player. Introduce the idea of the diamond 1-2-1 formation for each team. Play 4v4 futsal rules as outlined in the FYSA futsal rules. Two 8-min halves w/2-min half-time.

KEY WORDS: Dribble forward, change direction, get around the opponent, attack the goal

GUIDED QUESTIONS: 1) How can you see if an opponent is your way? 2) What are looking for if an opponent is in the way? 3) What can you do to create an opening to dribble into?

ANSWERS: 1) Look while dribbling 2) An opening 3) Change direction

NOTES: Ask questions/get feedback at half time. During game, make sure players know what direction they should dribble and help them with boundaries. Players do not need to pass. If a player is unsure, just say "Dribble or pass! Attack that goal!" and indicate a direction.

### Five Elements of a Training Activity

1. **Organized:** Is the activity organized in the right way?
2. **Game-like:** Is the activity game-like?
3. **Repetition:** Is there repetition, when looking at the overall goal of the session?
4. **Challenging:** Are the players being challenged?(Is there the right balance between being successful and unsuccessful?)
5. **Coaching:** Is there effective coaching, based on the age and level of the player?

### Training Session Self-Reflection Questions

1. How did you do in achieving the goals of the training session?
2. What did you do well?
3. What could you do better?

## PLAY/PRACTICE/PLAY: U8 FUTSAL SESSION 2: LEARNING PASSING

GOAL: Improve building-up in opponent's half in order to create chances

PLAYER ACTIONS: Pass/dribble

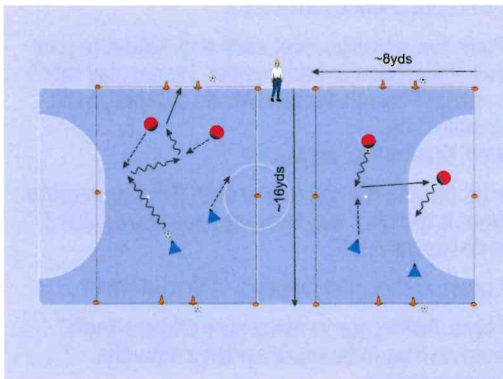
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### 1ST PLAY PHASE: Intentional Free Play

OBJECTIVE: Dribble past opponent in order to create chances to score.

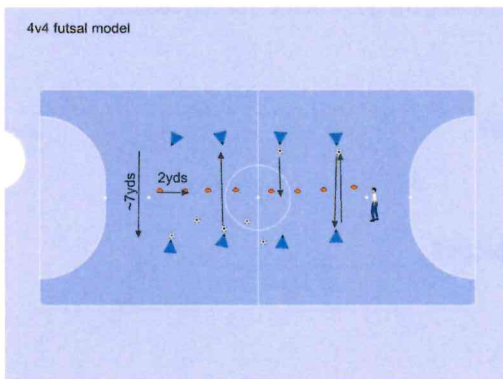
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KEY WORDS: Dribble forward! Get around your opponent! Go to the goal!

GUIDED QUESTIONS: 1) What are we trying to do in the game? 2) What do we look for if an opponent tries to stop us? 3) How can we get past our opponent? 4) If your teammate has the ball, what should you do? 5) If you do get open, how will your teammate now?

ANSWERS: 1) Dribble or pass to get past our opponent to score in the goal. 2) Openings between or around our opponent 3) Change direction to get to the opening or pass a teammate. 4) Get open for a pass. 5) Communicate.

NOTES: FIRST BREAK: Coach poses questions & asks them to try to discover answers while playing. SECOND BREAK: Coach asks player what they've found out. Guides them to the right answer. Encourage players to want the ball and to dribble & change direction. Encourage passing but do not discourage dribbling, even if players lose the ball.



### PRACTICE PHASE (Game Activity 1): THROUGH THE GATE

OBJECTIVE: Dribble past opponents and control the ball

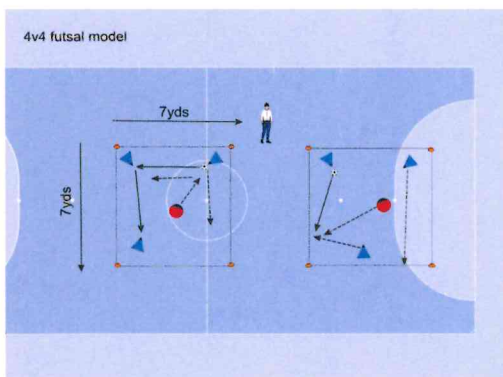
ORGANIZATION: Separate players into pairs 7yds apart with a 2yd wide cone gate between them. Players will try to pass to their partner the cone using side foot passes and receiving with side foot or top of the foot. Players count their passes. Progression 1: Either foot. 2: Right foot 3: Left foot 4: Either foot. Play four 90sec games.

KEY WORDS: Look at the target, then the ball and pass! Side of foot! Soft touch when receiving it!

GUIDED QUESTIONS: 1) How do strike a side foot pass? 2) What kind of touch do we want when we receive it? 3) What happens if we hit a bad pass or don't control it?

ANSWERS: 1) Turn foot side ways, knee bent, toe up, hit with hard part of side foot 2) Soft, to control it. 3) Other team steals it.

NOTES: AFTER 2ND PROGRESSION : Ask players their totals and propose the questions. Tell them you'll be looking for what they discover. AFTER THIRD: Ask players for answers. Before and in breaks, show them correct techniques.



### PRACTICE PHASE (Game Activity 2): KEEP AWAY (3v1 Rondo)

OBJECTIVE: Pass the ball and keep it away from the opponent

ORGANIZATION: Mark out two 7x7yd squares. Four players in each square. Three players try to keep the ball away from one defenders, who attempts to steal the ball. If the defenders steals it or the ball leaves the square, the defender becomes an attacker. Play three 3-minute games. Make player compare. Scores.

KEY WORDS: 1) Get open! 2) Look for the open pass! 3) Make a good pass! 4) Soft touch for control

GUIDED QUESTIONS: 1. If your teammate has the ball, how can you get open? 2. What part of the foot should we use to pass and receive? 3. What makes it harder for the defender to get the ball?

ANSWERS: 1. Move to a new place where our teammate can pass it 2. Inside of foot. 3. Good passes, good touches receiving it, quicker passing.

NOTES: FIRST BREAK: Ask players their totals and propose the questions. Tell them you'll be looking for what they discover. SECOND BREAK: Ask players for feedback on questions. Guide them to correct answers. Take a moment during the break to show them how to move to get open and any technical issues.

## PLAY/PRACTICE/PLAY: U8 FUTSAL SESSION 2: LEARNING PASSING

GOAL: Improve building-up in opponent's half in order to create chances

PLAYER ACTIONS: Pass/dribble

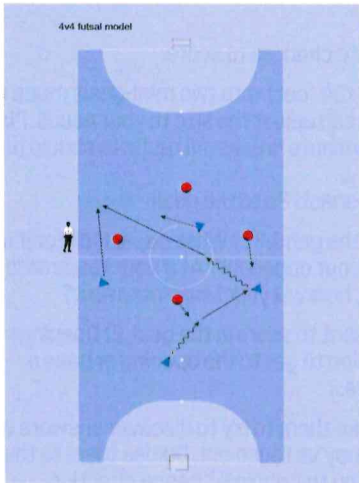
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Attacking

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### 2ND PLAY PHASE: THE GAME -PASSING U8

OBJECTIVE: Dribble around our opponent and create chances to score.

ORGANIZATION: Use a full size futsal pitch. Place two small goals at each end. Adjust to your needs. Divide the players into two even teams. If you have an odd number, 1 team play with 1 less player. Play team in a 1-2-1 diamond formation. Play 4v4 futsal rules as outlined in the FYSA futsal rules. Two 8-min halves w/2-min half-time.

KEY WORDS: Dribble or pass forward! Get open! Create and angle.

GUIDED QUESTIONS: 1) What are our options for playing the ball forward? 2) If my teammate has the ball, how can I help them pass? 3) What is the best way to create passing angle? 3) If I am passing the ball, what part of my foot do I usually use?

ANSWERS: 1) Dribble or pass forward 2) Get open. 3) Diagonal forward. 4) Side of foot?

NOTES: Ask questions/get feedback at half time. During game, make sure players know what direction they should dribble & help them with boundaries. Show them how the diamond formation helps create diagonal passing angles.

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## PLAY/PRACTICE/PLAY: U8 FUTSAL SESSION 3: DEFENDING

GOAL: Improve preventing the opponent from scoring

PLAYER ACTIONS: Pass/dribble

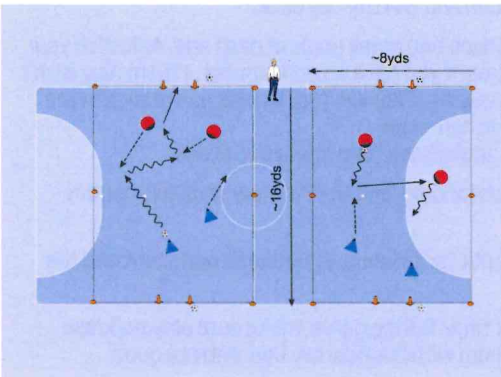
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Defending

DURATION: 60 min



### 1ST PLAY PHASE: Intentional Free Play-U8 Defending

OBJECTIVE: Defend in 1v1 and get compact as a team.

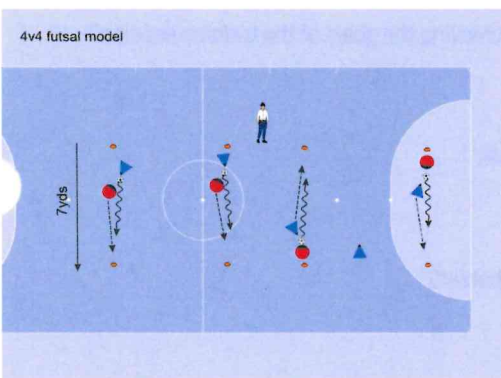
ORGANIZATION: Mark out two 16x8 -yard fields (48x24 feet) with two mini-goals made with cones or other convenient items on each end. You can adjust the size to your needs. Players are put out in pairs. Play for 20 minutes with two 1 minute breaks. All restarts should be dribble-ins.

KEY WORDS: Stay between the attacker and the goal! Steal the ball!

GUIDED QUESTIONS: 1) If our opponents have the ball, what's the best to stop them from scoring? 2) How can you stop them from dribbling past you? 3) As pair, how can we work together to protect our goal?

ANSWERS: 1) Get between them and the goal. 2) Watch them carefully, move your body. 3) Get close together, help each other (get compact)

NOTES: FIRST BREAK: Coach poses questions & asks them to try to discover answers while playing. SECOND BREAK: Coach asks player what they've found out. Guides them to the right answer. Demonstrate getting between opponent and goal. Show them how to get close to each other to cover the goal.



### PRACTICE PHASE (Learning Activity 1)

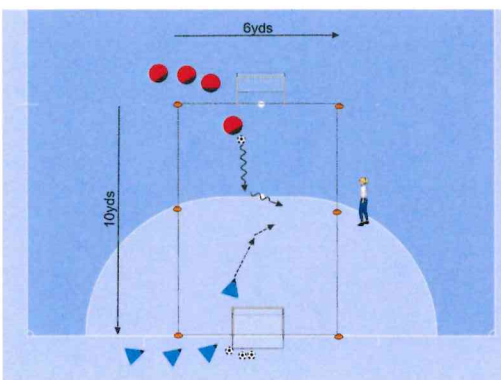
OBJECTIVE: Learn correct physical posture for defending.

ORGANIZATION: 4 pairs of cones 7yds apart. Players in pairs w/1 ball. "Shadow" play, not live. One player dribbles, the other defends. Dribbler goes forward while the defender gets in defending position, shuffling back. When they reach the cone, they switch roles. Play for 60s for each: 1) Defender right angle on, 2) Defender left angle on, 3) Defender right side & KEY WORDS: Side-on! Knees bent! Stay low!

GUIDED QUESTIONS: 1. Why don't we want to directly face our opponent? 2. Why do we bend our knees? 3. When do we steal?

ANSWERS: 1. Too easy to get past us 2. Ready to move 3. Bad touch or opponent head down

NOTES: This can be tough for kids, so show them good defenders shape and have them mimic it. Emphasize that we are HELPING our partner, not playing against them. Dribbler should let ball be stolen.



### PRACTICE PHASE (Game Activity 2): 1v1 DEFENDING

OBJECTIVE: Protect the goal and steal the ball.

ORGANIZATION: Mark-out a 10x6yd field with a 2yd goal on either end. Divide players into 2 teams. Each will take turns attacking. The defenders will pass the ball to the attacker, who will attempt to score. The defenders will attempt to protect the goal and steal the ball. If they defender steals it, they can score. If it goes out, a new attacker start. Switch sides KEY WORDS: Stay between them and the goal! Keep on your toes! Move with them! Steal it!

GUIDED QUESTIONS: 1) When the attacker has the ball, where do we want to put ourselves? 2) How do we position our body to move best? 3) When do we try to tackle or steal it?

ANSWERS: 1) Between the attacker and the goal 2) Side-on, knees bent. 3) When they take a bad touch or have their head down.

NOTES: FIRST BREAK: Propose questions, SECOND BREAK: Ask players to share answers. Guide them to correct answers. Help demonstrate techniques.

## PLAY/PRACTICE/PLAY: U8 FUTSAL SESSION 3: DEFENDING

GOAL: Improve preventing the opponent from scoring

PLAYER ACTIONS: Pass/dribble

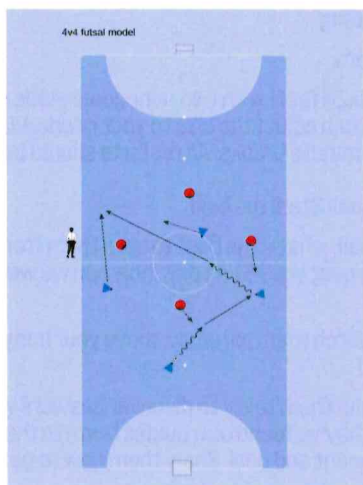
KEY QUALITIES: Optimal technical, Read game/make decisions, Optimal physical

Michael Souders

AGE: U7-U8 / 4v4 / 8 players

Defending

DURATION: 60 min



### 2ND PLAY PHASE: THE GAME -DEFENDING U8

OBJECTIVE: Defend in proper physical position and win the ball back.

ORGANIZATION: Use a full size futsal pitch. Place two small goals at each end. Adjust to your needs. Divide the players into two even teams. If you have an odd number, 1 team play with 1 less player. Play team in a 1-2-1 diamond formation. Play 4v4 futsal rules as outlined in the FYSA futsal rules. Two 8-min halves w/2-min half-time.

KEY WORDS: Stay in front! Good defending angle! Look for a chance to steal!

GUIDED QUESTIONS: 1) What does good 1v1 defending look like? 2) How should I position myself? 3) When should we try to steal

ANSWERS: 1) At an angle, knees bent, arms out for balance. 2) Between opponent and the goal 3) Heavy touch or head down

NOTES: Ask questions/get feedback at half time. During game, make sure players know what direction they should dribble & help them with boundaries. Demonstrate good defending technique.

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5. **Coaching:** Is there effective coaching, based on the age and level of the player?

### Training Session Self-Reflection Questions

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3. What could you do better?

## PLAY/PRACTICE/PLAY: U8 FUTSAL SESSION 4: SCORING GOALS

GOAL: Improve scoring goals

PLAYER ACTIONS: Shoot, Pass/dribble

KEY QUALITIES: Optimal technical, Optimal physical, Initiative

Michael Souders

AGE: U7-U8 / 4v4 / 8 players

Attacking

DURATION: 60 min

### 1ST PLAY PHASE: Intentional Free Play (Shooting-U8)

OBJECTIVE: Scoring by shooting when there is an opening.

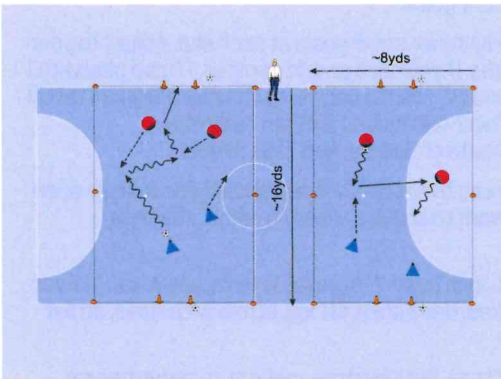
ORGANIZATION: Mark out two 16x8 -yard fields (48x24 feet) with two mini-goals made with cones or other convenient items on each end. You can adjust the size to your needs. Players are put out in pairs. Play for 20 minutes with two 1 minute breaks. All restarts should be dribble-ins.

KEY WORDS: Dribble forward! Find the pass! Shoot!

GUIDED QUESTIONS: 1) When we have the ball, what does our team want? 2) How do we get a chance to shoot? 3) What should we do if there is gap and we are near the goal?

ANSWERS: 1) To score goals. 2) See an opening or a gap. 3) Shoot!

NOTES: FIRST BREAK: Coach poses questions & asks them to try to discover answers while playing. SECOND BREAK: Coach asks player what they've found out. Guides them to the right answer. Encourage players to create chances and to shoot. Encourage passing but do not discourage dribbling, even if players lose the ball.



### PRACTICE PHASE (Game Activity 1): Technical Shooting

OBJECTIVE: Dribble with control and shield the ball

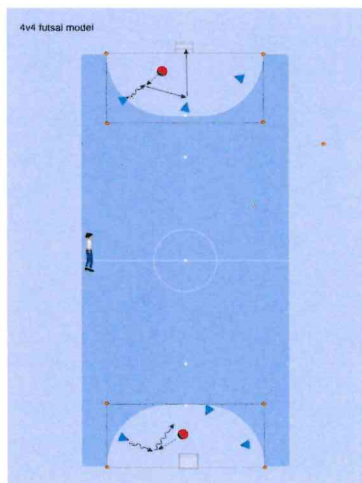
ORGANIZATION: Set up 2 cones 6yds apart 8yds from goal. Player line up all one cone. Coach stand inside the cone w/the balls. The coach will gently roll the ball to the player for them to shoot at the goal. Player retrieve their balls. Play 90s, then switch sides. 3 progressions: 1) Rolls for 1 touch, 2) Coach rolls, player touch with side or bottom of foot forward, then

KEY WORDS: Eyes on ball! Ankle locked! Hit with laces! Strike through it!

GUIDED QUESTIONS: 1) What are the keys to a good shot?

ANSWERS: 1) Eyes on the ball, ankle locked down (no floppy ankle), strike w/laces, approach at angle, bend knee, lift leg backs, strike hard through the ball.

NOTES: Demonstrate correct technique before shooting, briefly. Let them work it out by asking them to make sure they do at least 2 things right each time.



### PRACTICE PHASE (Game Activity 2): 3V1 SCORING

OBJECTIVE: Dribble past the opponent and score.

ORGANIZATION: Set up a square around penalty area or slight larger on both ends of the pitch. Players play 3v1 and try to score goals. If a player scores, they become the defender. If the defender wins it, they try to dribble out of the box at the top. If they do, they can pick who is the next defender. Start & restart w/kick-in. Play three 4-min games w/1 min break.

KEY WORDS: Dribble or pass! Find the open player! Shoot!

GUIDED QUESTIONS: 1) What are we looking for to get a shot off on the goal? 2) How can we create a chance to score? 3) What should we do if we see an opening between us and the goal.

ANSWERS: 1) A gap or opening. 2) Dribble past a player or find an opening. 3) Shoot.

NOTES: FIRST BREAK: Pose questions. SECOND BREAK: Ask players to share answers. Encourage players to shoot frequently. Praise well-hit shots and effort. No criticism except to encourage them to shoot more. Passing and dribbling both encouraged. Praise defenders effort but don't coach them.

## PLAY/PRACTICE/PLAY: U8 FUTSAL SESSION 4: SCORING GOALS

GOAL: Improve scoring goals

PLAYER ACTIONS: Shoot, Pass/dribble

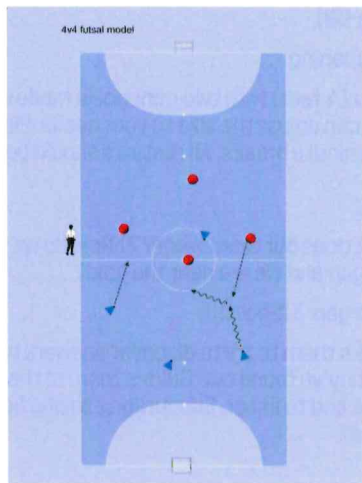
KEY QUALITIES: Optimal technical, Optimal physical, Initiative

Michael Souders

AGE: U7-U8 / 4v4 / 8 players

Attacking

DURATION: 60 min



### 2ND PLAY PHASE: THE GAME (SCORING)

OBJECTIVE: Create chances to shoot and score goals.

ORGANIZATION: Use a full size futsal pitch. Place two small goals at each end. Adjust to your needs. Divide the players into two even teams. If you have an odd number, 1 team play with 1 less player. Introduce the idea of the diamond 1-2-1 formation for each team. Play 4v4 futsal rules as outlined in the FYSA futsal rules. Two 7-min halves w/1-min half-time.

KEY WORDS: 1) Pass or dribble forward 2) Create or find the gap 2) 3) Shoot!

GUIDED QUESTIONS: 1) How can we get chances to shoot? 2) When should you take an open shot if you're near the goal? 3) How do we want to strike the ball? 4) What the right technique?

ANSWERS: 1) Dribble around opponent, find open pass. 2) Always! 3) Hard, accurate. 4) Eyes on ball, standing foot next to ball, ankle locked, bend knee, lift leg, strike with laces, strike through the ball.

NOTES: Ask questions/get feedback at half time. During game, make sure players know what direction they should dribble and help them with boundaries. Encourage players to shoot at any reasonable opportunity. Praise creating chances and taking chances.

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5. **Coaching:** Is there effective coaching, based on the age and level of the player?

### Training Session Self-Reflection Questions

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2. What did you do well?
3. What could you do better?

**PLAY/PRACTICE/PLAY: U8 FUTSAL SESSION 5: DRIBBLING TO SCORE**  
GOAL: Improve building-up in opponent's half in order to create chances  
PLAYER ACTIONS: Pass/dribble  
KEY QUALITIES: Optimal technical, Optimal physical, Responsibility

Michael Souders  
AGE: U7-U8 / 4v4 / 8 players  
Attacking  
DURATION: 60 min

### 1ST PLAY PHASE: Intentional Free Play--20 MIN

OBJECTIVE: Dribble past opponent in order to create chances to score.

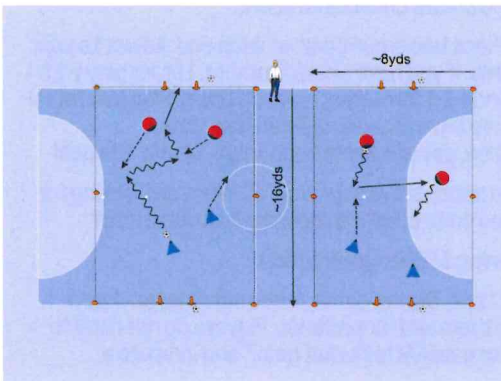
ORGANIZATION: Mark out two 16x8 -yard fields (48x24 feet) with two mini-goals made with cones or other convenient items on each end. You can adjust the size to your needs. Players are put out in pairs. Play for 20 minutes with two 1 minute breaks. All restarts should be dribble-ins.

KEY WORDS: Dribble forward! Get around your opponent! Go to the goal!

GUIDED QUESTIONS: 1) What are we trying to do in the game? 2) What do we look for if an opponent tries to stop us? 3) How can we get past our opponent? 4) If your teammate has the ball, what should you do? 5) If you do get open, how will your teammate now?

ANSWERS: 1) Dribble or pass to get past our opponent to score in the goal. 2) Openings between or around our opponent 3) Change direction to get to the opening or pass a teammate. 4) Get open for a pass. 5) Communicate.

NOTES: FIRST BREAK: Coach poses questions & asks them to try to discover answers while playing. SECOND BREAK: Coach asks player what they've found out. Guides them to the right answer. Encourage players to want the ball and to dribble & change direction. Encourage passing but do not discourage dribbling, even if players lose the ball.



### PRACTICE PHASE (Game Activity 1): FREEZE TAG--10 MIN

OBJECTIVE: Dribble with control and shield the ball

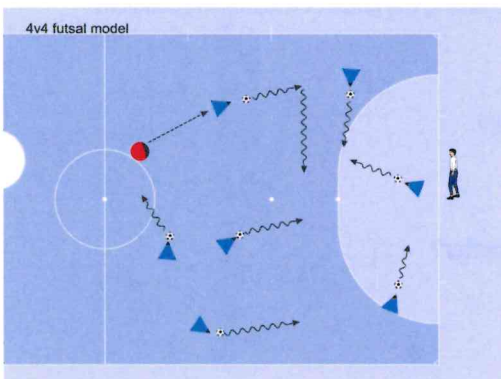
ORGANIZATION: Use half of the pitch or more. Start w/1 player in a pinnie as a "chaser" while others dribble w/a ball to avoid chaser. If chaser touches a player's ball (not person), they freeze & hold the ball over their head w/their legs open. They are unfrozen by a player dribbling btwn their legs. Play for 60s, then count up frozen players.

KEY WORDS: Control the ball! Keep your head up! Change direction!

GUIDED QUESTIONS: 1) How can we know where the chaser is when we are dribbling? 2) How can we get away if they are chasing us? 3) What sort of touches can we use to dribble fast? 4) How can we change direction quickly?

ANSWERS: 1) Keep our head up and look. 2) Dribble fast or change direction. 3) Hard, bigger touches. 4) Outside cut/inside cut.

NOTES: TAKE BREAK AFTER 3 GAMES FOR QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS, THEN RESUME. Demonstrate turning techniques (outside/inside cut) if possible. PROGRESSIONS: Add 2nd chaser if needed. Change out chaser.



### PRACTICE PHASE (Game Activity 2): BIG 1v1 GAME--10 MIN

OBJECTIVE: Dribble past the opponent and score.

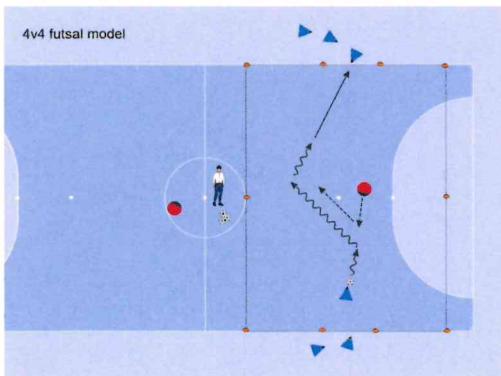
ORGANIZATION: Width of the pitch and at least 10yds wide with a 3yd cone goal on each end. Players line up inside the goals w/1 defender in the middle. 1 player dribbles out and tries to dribble around the defender and pass to the player in the opposite goal. If the defender wins it, then go and try to pass into their goal. Defenders stay until they win or it goes out.

KEY WORDS: 1) Keep your head up! 2) Change direction! 3) Change speed!

GUIDED QUESTIONS: 1) How can we dribble to get around our opponent? 2) How can we create space to dribble into? 3) After we change direction and get around our opponent, what should we do?

ANSWERS: 1) Change speed, change direction. 2) Dribble one way, then the other way. 3) Accelerate, finish off the play.

NOTES: PLAY FOR 4 MINUTES, THEN TAKE A 2 MIN BREAK FOR QUESTIONS/ANSWERS



## PLAY/PRACTICE/PLAY: U8 FUTSAL SESSION 5: DRIBBLING TO SCORE

GOAL: Improve building-up in opponent's half in order to create chances

PLAYER ACTIONS: Pass/dribble

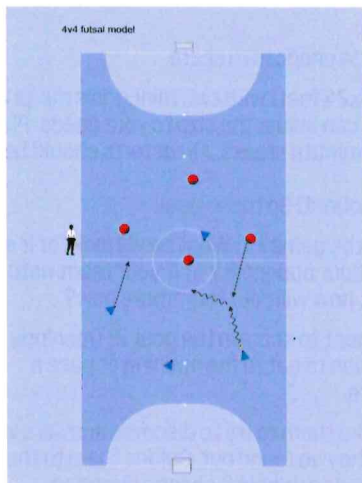
KEY QUALITIES: Optimal technical, Optimal physical, Responsibility

Michael Souders

AGE: U7-U8 / 4v4 / 8 players

Attacking

DURATION: 60 min



### 2ND PLAY PHASE: THE GAME--20 MIN

OBJECTIVE: Dribble around our opponent and create chances to score.

ORGANIZATION: Use a full size futsal pitch. Place two small goals at each end. Adjust to your needs. Divide the players into two even teams. If you have an odd number, 1 team play with 1 less player. Introduce the idea of the diamond 1-2-1 formation for each team. Play 4v4 futsal rules as outlined in the FYSA futsal rules. Two 8-min halves w/2-min half-time.

KEY WORDS: Dribble forward, change direction, get around the opponent, attack the goal

GUIDED QUESTIONS: 1) How can you see if an opponent is your way? 2) What are looking for if an opponent is in the way? 3) What can you do to create an opening to dribble into?

ANSWERS: 1) Look while dribbling 2) An opening 3) Change direction

NOTES: Ask questions/get feedback at half time. During game, make sure players know what direction they should dribble and help them with boundaries. Players do not need to pass. If a player is unsure, just say "Dribble or pass! Attack that goal!" and indicate a direction.

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### Training Session Self-Reflection Questions

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3. What could you do better?

## PLAY/PRACTICE/PLAY: U8 FUTSAL SESSION 6: DEVELOPING PASSING

GOAL: Improve building-up in opponent's half in order to create chances

PLAYER ACTIONS: Pass/dribble, Spread out

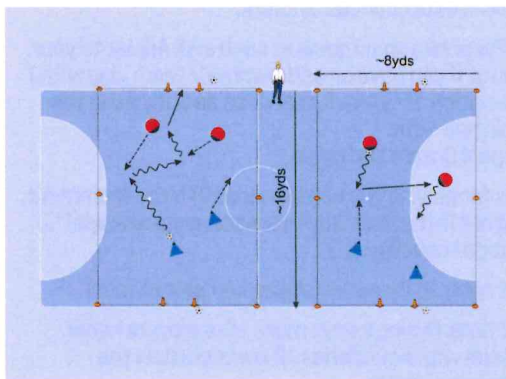
KEY QUALITIES: Optimal technical, Read game/make decisions, Focus

Michael Souders

AGE: U7-U8 / 4v4 / 8 players

Attacking

DURATION: 60 min



### 1ST PLAY PHASE: Intentional Free Play (Passing)—20 MIN

OBJECTIVE: Create scoring chances by getting open and passing.

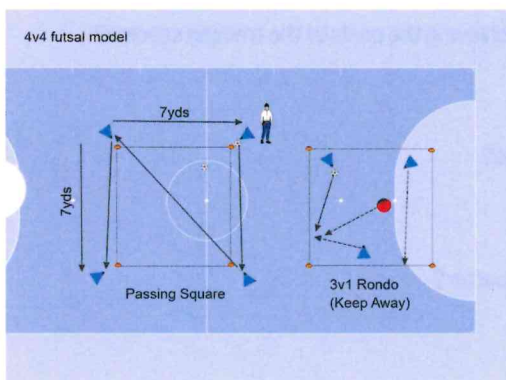
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KEY WORDS: Spread out! Find a place you can be open! Look for a pass or dribble!

GUIDED QUESTIONS: 1) If our teammate has the ball, how can we help them? 2) If you have the ball, how can we see where your teammate is? 3) When you have the ball should you pass or dribble?

ANSWERS: 1) Get open for a pass. 2) Look-up and see them. 3) Either one, if it can help you get forward.

NOTES: FIRST BREAK: Coach poses questions & asks them to try to discover answers while playing. SECOND BREAK: Coach asks player what they've found out. Guides them to the right answer. Encourage players to move to angles that help them be open and encourage the player on the ball to see them open.



### PRACTICE PHASE (Game Activity 1): PASSING SQUARE & KEEP AWAY—10 MIN

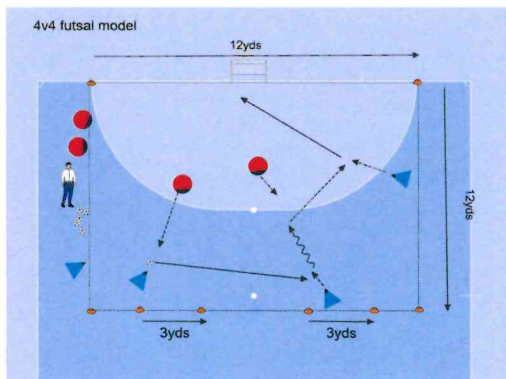
OBJECTIVE: Pass the ball & keep away from opponent

ORGANIZATION: Mark two 7x7yd squares w/4 players in each. Each game 4 min w/a 1 min break. (1) Passing square: Teams pass ball around/through the square for 60s. Most passes wins. Play 3 times. (2) 3v1 Rondo (Keep away). 3v1 defender inside the square. Connect as many passes as possible w/o it going out or losing it. Play 60s, change defender each game. KEY WORDS: 1) Get open! 2) Look for the open pass! 3) Make a good pass! 4) Soft touch for control

GUIDED QUESTIONS: 1. If your teammate has the ball, how can you get open? 2. What part of the foot should we use to pass and receive? 3. What makes it harder for the defender to get the ball?

ANSWERS: 1. Move to a new place where our teammate can pass it 2. Inside of foot. 3. Good passes, good touches receiving it, quicker passing.

NOTES: FIRST BREAK: Ask players their totals and propose the questions. Tell them you'll be looking for what they discover. SECOND BREAK: Ask players for feedback on questions. Guide them to correct answers. Take a moment during the break to show them how to move to get open and any technical issues.



### PRACTICE PHASE (Game Activity 2): PASSING ATTACK!—10 MIN

OBJECTIVE: Dribble or pass to create and score goals.

ORGANIZATION: Use 12x12yd w/the goal in one end and 2 "dribble gates". 3 attackers vs 2 defenders. Attackers dribble in and try to score on the goal by dribbling and passing. Defenders try to win it and dribble through the "dribble gates." Change out defenders / attackers after every goal. Restart with kick-ins. Play 4 minutes then switch sides. KEY WORDS: Spread out! Get open! Look for a pass! Shoot!

GUIDED QUESTIONS: 1) How can our team create passing options? 2) If my teammate has the ball, what can I do make sure they can pass it to me? 3) If I receive a pass and there is a gap to goal, what should you do?

ANSWERS: 1) Spread out 2) Get open so the opponent can intercept it 3) Dribble at it or shoot.

NOTES: Use the single break to quickly ask questions.

## PLAY/PRACTICE/PLAY: U8 FUTSAL SESSION 6: DEVELOPING PASSING

GOAL: Improve building-up in opponent's half in order to create chances

PLAYER ACTIONS: Pass/dribble, Spread out

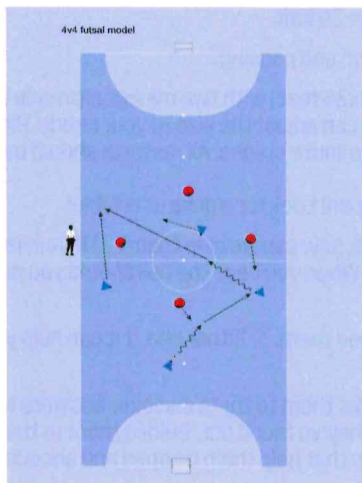
KEY QUALITIES: Optimal technical, Read game/make decisions, Focus

Michael Souders

AGE: U7-U8 / 4v4 / 8 players

Attacking

DURATION: 60 min



### 2ND PLAY PHASE: THE GAME -PASSING U8--20 MIN

OBJECTIVE: Dribble around our opponent and create chances to score.

ORGANIZATION: Use a full size futsal pitch. Place two small goals at each end. Adjust to your needs. Divide the players into two even teams. If you have an odd number, 1 team play with 1 less player. Play team in a 1-2-1 diamond formation. Play 4v4 futsal rules as outlined in the FYSA futsal rules . Two 8-min halves w/2-min half-time.

KEY WORDS: Dribble or pass forward! Get open! Create and angle.

GUIDED QUESTIONS: 1) What are our options for playing the ball forward? 2) If my teammate has the ball, how can I help them pass? 3) What is the best way to create passing angle? 3) If I am passing the ball, what part of my foot do I usually use?

ANSWERS: 1) Dribble or pass forward 2) Get open. 3) Diagonal forward. 4) Side of foot?

NOTES: Ask questions/get feedback at half time. During game, make sure players know what direction they should dribble & help them with boundaries. Show them how the diamond formation helps create diagonal passing angles.

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5. **Coaching:** Is there effective coaching, based on the age and level of the player?

### Training Session Self-Reflection Questions

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3. What could you do better?

## PLAY/PRACTICE/PLAY: U8 FUTSAL SESSION 7: ATTACKING IN OUR OWN HALF

GOAL: Improve building-up from own half in order to move the ball to the opponent's half

PLAYER ACTIONS: Spread out, Pass/dribble, Pass options

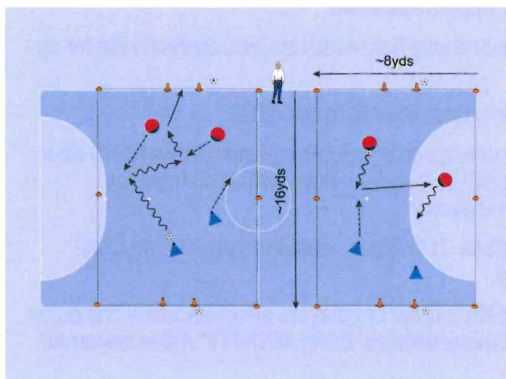
KEY QUALITIES: Optimal technical, Read game/make decisions, Focus

Michael Souders

AGE: U7-U8 / 4v4 / 8 players

Attacking

DURATION: 60 min



### 1ST PLAY PHASE: INTENTIONAL FREE PLAY (PASSING)—20 MIN

OBJECTIVE: Create scoring chances by getting open and passing.

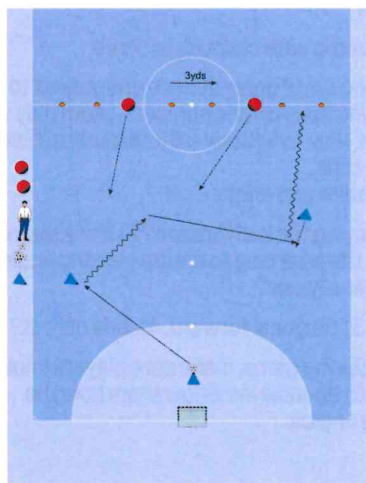
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KEY WORDS: Spread out! Find a place you can be open! Look for a pass or dribble!

GUIDED QUESTIONS: 1) If our teammate has the ball, how can we help them? 2) If you have the ball, how can you see where your teammate is? 3) When you have the ball should you pass or dribble?

ANSWERS: 1) Get open for a pass. 2) Look-up and see them. 3) Either one, if it can help you get forward.

NOTES: FIRST BREAK: Coach poses questions & asks them to try to discover answers while playing. SECOND BREAK: Coach asks player what they've found out. Guides them to the right answer. Encourage players to move to angles that help them be open and encourage the player on the ball to see them open.



### PRACTICE PHASE: CORE ACTIVITY: ATTACKING IN OUR HALF—20 MIN

OBJECTIVE: Dribble or pass to penetrate into opponent's half.

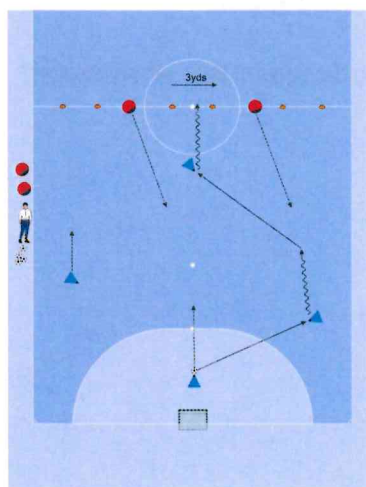
ORGANIZATION: Half pitch with three 3yd dribble gates that the attackers will go to and the regular goal that the defenders will attack. Teams are 3v2. Play starts with defenders at half-way line (like a goal-kick). Once attacker kicks ball, play starts. Attacking team scores by dribbling through the gates. Defending team scores in the goal. Restart is kick-ins.

KEY WORDS: Spread out! Get open! Look for a pass! Dribble to the gate!

GUIDED QUESTIONS: 1) How can we create open space to dribble and pass forward? 2) How can I help my teammate if I don't have the ball? 3) How far away should I be from my teammate? 4) Why do you want to be farther away?

ANSWERS: 1) Spread out. 2) Get open for a pass. 3) 5-10 yds (demonstrate distance). 4) More space, opponent can't get to us easily.

NOTES: FIRST BREAK: Pose questions. SECOND BREAK: Let players share answers and guide them to conclusions. Encourage players to think of what they've learned in rondo or keep away exercises. Assess at the breaks and move to "MORE CHALLENGING" if it is too easy and "LESS CHALLENGING" if it is too difficult.



### PRACTICE PHASE: LESS CHALLENGING: ATTACKING IN OUR OWN HALF

OBJECTIVE: Dribble or pass to penetrate into opponent's half.

ORGANIZATION: Same as previous set up, but 4 attackers vs 2 defenders. Make sure you rotate player positions in attack and defense.

KEY WORDS: Spread out! Get open! Look for a pass! Dribble to the gate!

GUIDED QUESTIONS: 1) How can we create open space to dribble and pass forward? 2) How can I help my teammate if I don't have the ball? 3) How far away should I be from my teammate? 4) Why do you want to be farther away?

ANSWERS: 1) Spread out. 2) Get open for a pass. 3) 5-10 yds (demonstrate distance). 4) More space, opponent can't get to us easily.

NOTES: FIRST BREAK: Pose questions. SECOND BREAK: Let players share answers and guide them to conclusions. Assess as you go and move back to "CORE PRACTICE" if attackers start to find success.

## PLAY/PRACTICE/PLAY: U8 FUTSAL SESSION 7: ATTACKING IN OUR OWN HALF

GOAL: Improve building-up from own half in order to move the ball to the opponent's half

PLAYER ACTIONS: Spread out, Pass/dribble, Pass options

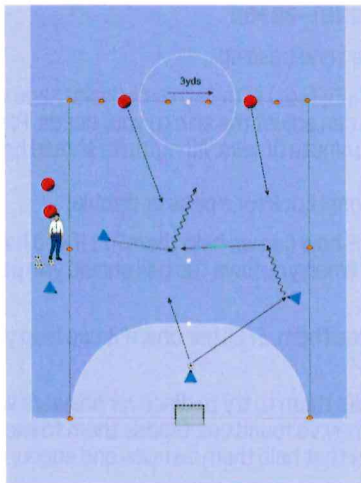
KEY QUALITIES: Optimal technical, Read game/make decisions, Focus

Michael Souders

AGE: U7-U8 / 4v4 / 8 players

Attacking

DURATION: 60 min



### PRACTICE PHASE: MORE CHALLENGING: ATTACKING IN OUR OWN HALF

OBJECTIVE: Dribble or pass to penetrate into opponent's half.

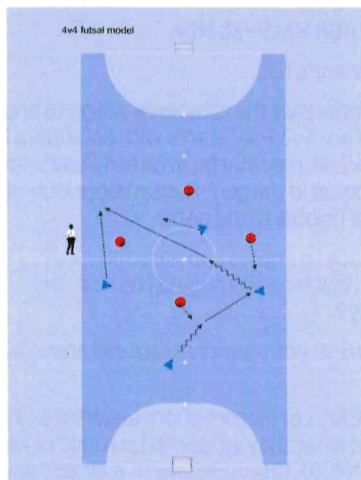
ORGANIZATION: Same as previous set up, but reduce field width by 2yds on each side (or as appropriate).

KEY WORDS: Spread out! Get open! Look for a pass! Dribble to the gate!

GUIDED QUESTIONS: 1) How can we create open space to dribble and pass forward? 2) How can I help my teammate if I don't have the ball? 3) How far away should I be from my teammate? 4) Why do you want to be farther away?

ANSWERS: 1) Spread out. 2) Get open for a pass. 3) 5-10 yds (demonstrate distance). 4) More space, opponent can't get to us easily.

NOTES: FIRST BREAK: Pose questions. SECOND BREAK: Let players share answers and guide them to conclusions. Assess as you go and move back to "CORE ACTIVITY" if this becomes too difficult for attackers.



### 2ND PLAY PHASE: THE GAME -ATTACKING- 20 MIN

OBJECTIVE: Dribble or pass around our opponent and create chances to score.

ORGANIZATION: Use a full size futsal pitch. Place two small goals at each end. Adjust to your needs. Divide the players into two even teams. If you have an odd number, 1 team play with 1 less player. Play team in a 1-2-1 diamond formation. Play 4v4 futsal rules as outlined in the FYSA futsal rules. Two 8-min halves w/2-min half-time.

KEY WORDS: Dribble or pass forward! Get open! Create and angle.

GUIDED QUESTIONS: 1) What are our options for playing the ball forward? 2) If my teammate has the ball, how can I help them pass? 3) What is the best way to create passing angle? 3) If I am passing the ball, what part of my foot do I usually use?

ANSWERS: 1) Dribble or pass forward 2) Get open. 3) Diagonal forward. 4) Side of foot?

NOTES: Ask questions/get feedback at half time. During game, make sure players know what direction they should dribble & help them with boundaries. Show them how the diamond formation helps create diagonal passing angles.

### Five Elements of a Training Activity

1. **Organized:** Is the activity organized in the right way?
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3. **Repetition:** Is there repetition, when looking at the overall goal of the session?
4. **Challenging:** Are the players being challenged?(Is there the right balance between being successful and unsuccessful?)
5. **Coaching:** Is there effective coaching, based on the age and level of the player?

### Training Session Self-Reflection Questions

1. How did you do in achieving the goals of the training session?
2. What did you do well?
3. What could you do better?

## PLAY/PRACTICE/PLAY: U8 FUTSAL SESSION 8: ATTACKING IN OPPONENT HALF

GOAL: Improve building-up in opponent's half in order to create chances

PLAYER ACTIONS: Spread out, Pass/dribble, Pass options

KEY QUALITIES: Optimal technical, Read game/make decisions, Focus

Michael Souders

AGE: U7-U8 / 4v4 / 8 players

Attacking

DURATION: 60 min

### 1ST PLAY PHASE: INTENTIONAL FREE PLAY (PASSING)- 20 MIN

OBJECTIVE: Create scoring chances by getting open and passing.

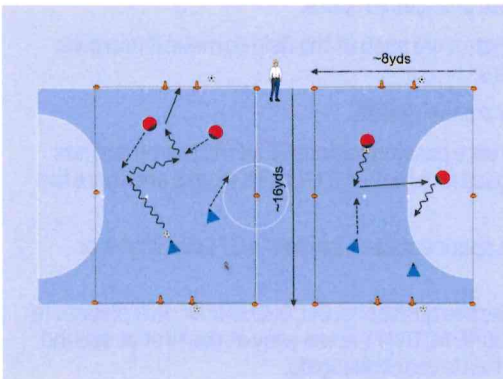
ORGANIZATION: Mark out two 16x8 -yard fields (48x24 feet) with two mini-goals made with cones or other convenient items on each end. You can adjust the size to your needs. Players are put out in pairs. Play for 20 minutes with two 1 minute breaks. All restarts should be dribble-ins.

KEY WORDS: Spread out! Find a place you can be open! Look for a pass or dribble!

GUIDED QUESTIONS: 1) If our teammate has the ball, how can we help them? 2) If you have the ball, how can you see where your teammate is? 3) When you have the ball should you pass or dribble?

ANSWERS: 1) Get open for a pass. 2) Look-up and see them. 3) Either one, if it can help you get forward.

NOTES: FIRST BREAK: Coach poses questions & asks them to try to discover answers while playing. SECOND BREAK: Coach asks player what they've found out. Guides them to the right answer. Encourage players to move to angles that help them be open and encourage the player on the ball to see them open.



### PRACTICE PHASE: CORE PRACTICE: 4v3 IN OPPONENT HALF--20 MIN

OBJECTIVE: Dribble or pass forward to create chances to score.

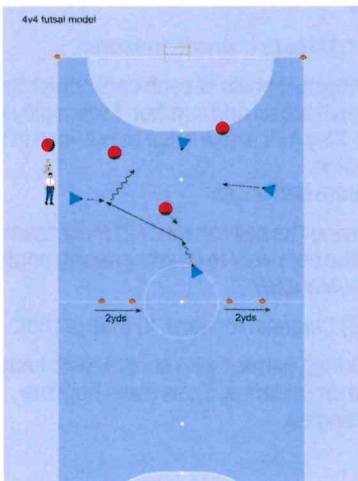
ORGANIZATION: Use half of the pitch with 1 goal for attackers and two 2yd goals for the defenders to attack. Play starts with a coach passing the ball into the attackers to score. Restarts are kick-ins on sideline, full restart over endline. Play 6-min games w/each side attacking for 3min. Play 3 rotations.

KEY WORDS: Spread out! Get open! Look for a pass! Shoot!

GUIDED QUESTIONS: 1) How can our team create passing options? 2) If my teammate has the ball, what can I do make sure they can pass it to me? 3) If I receive a pass and there is a gap to goal, what should you do?

ANSWERS: 1) Spread out 2) Get open so the opponent can intercept it 3) Dribble at it or shoot.

NOTES: FIRST BREAK (After 6 minutes): Pose the questions. SECOND BREAK: Ask players to share their answers. Adjust the game to "LESS CHALLENGING" if the attackers are struggling, to "MORE CHALLENGING" if it is too easy.



### PRACTICE PHASE: LESS CHALLENGING: 4v2 IN OPPONENT HALF

OBJECTIVE: Dribble or pass forward to create chances to score.

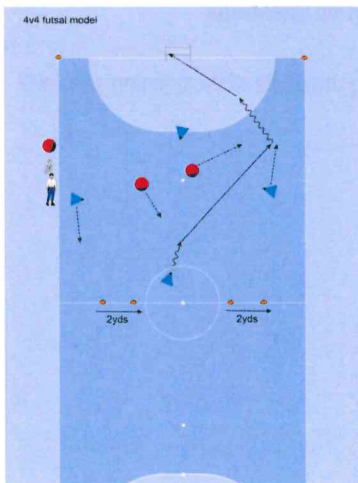
ORGANIZATION: Same as "CORE ACTIVITY" except with 2 defenders instead of three defenders.

KEY WORDS: Spread out! Get open! Look for a pass! Shoot!

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NOTES: FIRST BREAK (After 6 minutes): Pose the questions. SECOND BREAK: Ask players to share their answers. ADJUST to this game after 1st break if the CORE PRACTICE is too difficult. If this becomes too easy, change BACK to CORE ACTIVITY after 2nd break.



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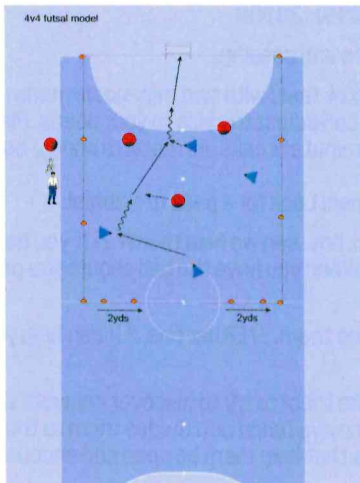
KEY QUALITIES: Optimal technical, Read game/make decisions, Focus

Michael Souders

AGE: U7-U8 / 4v4 / 8 players

Attacking

DURATION: 60 min



### PRACTICE PHASE: MORE CHALLENGING: 4v3 IN OPPONENT HALF

OBJECTIVE: Dribble or pass forward to create chances to score.

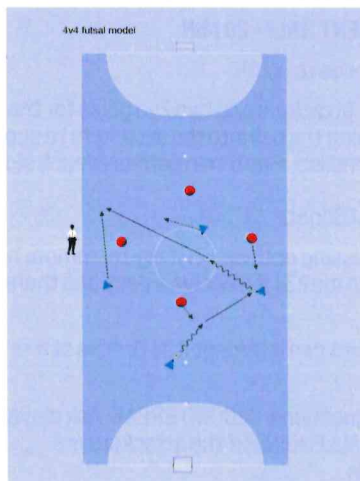
ORGANIZATION: Same as prior, but cut off 2yds from each of the field to make it narrower and more difficult to find space for attackers.

KEY WORDS: Spread out! Get open! Look for a pass! Shoot!

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NOTES: FIRST BREAK (After 6 minutes): Pose the questions. SECOND BREAK: Ask players to share their answers. ADJUST to this if the CORE ACTIVITY is too easy at the first or second break. ADJUST BACK to "CORE ACTIVITY" if this is too challenging.



### 2ND PLAY PHASE: THE GAME -ATTACKING--20 MIN

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## 1v1 DEFENDING MINI-MANUAL

At our level, we are looking to teach proper body positioning and technique for defending in 1v1 situations. The aspects of proper 1v1 defending are: 1) Approach, 2) Distance, 3) Body shape 4) When to intervene.

### Approach/Distance

When the defender closes down, they need to think about speed and angle. For speed, the defender needs a “fast, then slow” approach. Close down quickly to 4-5 yards then turn and slow down to prevent the attacker from using the player’s momentum to get past them and hold a position 1-2 yds from the ball. For angle, the player to get them between the attacker and the goal and try to angle the attacker toward the sideline, the defender's teammate, or the attackers.



### Body shape

The defender be in an athletic stance, knees somewhat bent, chest down, arms out for balance and to reach out to control opponent, turned at roughly 45\* degrees to the ball with your weight on your BACK foot.



### Tackling/Stealing

The defender should wait until the attacker is off balance or has a heavy touch to try to get the ball. Patience is key to avoid “diving in” and letting the attacker move past. The defender can either try to tackle the ball away or separate the attacker from the ball.



# Fairbanks Youth Soccer Association

The logo for Fairbanks Youth Soccer Alaska is a shield-shaped emblem. At the top, it says "FAIRBANKS YOUTH SOCCER" in a semi-circle. In the center is a soccer ball with a sunburst behind it. Below the ball, the word "ALASKA" is written in a stylized font. At the bottom of the shield, there is a green field with white lines representing a soccer field.

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## Medical Emergency Action Plan

If the case of a medical emergency or injury to a player, the coach should do take the following actions:

1. **Assess the situation** by examining the injury or condition of the person and determine if immediate professional medical care is necessary.
2. **Request Assistance** from an assistant coach, opposing coach, or referee, to supervise other players while dealing with the emergency.
3. **Retrieve Emergency Action Plan (EAP).** The guide online will include information on the location's address, best access, contact information, availability of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) machine at the location and other information. **There is an AED at the FYSA Main Office at the Wilbur Street Soccer Complex. There is no AED on-site at the South Davis Complex or the Artificial Turf Complex. If you are the ATC, you may be able to reach the Main Office. At the South Davis complex, do not attempt to retrieve the AED. First Aid kits are available at the Main Office.**
4. **If it is an immediate serious emergency, the coach should:**
  - a. Send an assistant coach, opposing coach, adult spectator or, if necessary, a player to call 9-1-1 with the location information from the EAP. The coach should stay with the player until medical professionals arrive.
  - b. Take action immediately to address the situation, including providing first aid or CPR if the coach is trained to do so or by requesting help from anyone who is trained to provide emergency medical care. If no one is trained to provide emergency medical care, the coach should immediately seek out information on how to provide care and apply that care, if possible.
  - c. Contact the impacted player's emergency contacts after medical professionals have arrived and taken over care or if the coach is no longer involved in immediate care.
  - d. Contact FYSA after the previous steps have been completed and report the incident, if FYSA staff are not already aware.
5. **If it is a serious injury but NOT an immediate emergency the coach should:**
  - a. Take action to address the situation, including providing first aid if they are trained to do so or find an individual trained to provide first aid or find information on how to provide basic first aid.
  - b. Use an assistant coach or opposing coach to immediately contact the impacted player's emergency contacts immediately if the injury is serious enough to need urgent care from medical professionals, even if it is not an immediate medical emergency. Use the EAP to provide information to the emergency contacts on the location of the venue.
  - c. Contact FYSA after the match or training to report the incident.
6. **If the injury is slight or moderate, the coach should:**
  - a. Take action to address the situation, including providing first aid if they are trained to do so or reach out to an individual able to provide first aid.
  - b. If the injury is moderate, the coach can wait until the nearest convenient opportunity to contact the parent/guardians to inform them of the situation. Younger players may benefit from speaking with their parent/guardian even if the injury is only slight or painful.
  - c. If professional medical care is determined likely to be necessary, report the incident to FYSA after the match or training.



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# EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN

## LOCAL CLUB INFORMATION

FAIRBANKS YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

Club/Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Activity: INDOOR SOCCER (FUTSAL) AT ANNE WIEN ELEMENTARY

Address: 1501 HAMPSTEAD AVENUE, FAIRBANKS, AK

Venue: ANNE WIEN ELEMENTARY

Cross Streets: HAMPSTEAD AVENUE & DANBY STREET

Main Entrance: VESITIBULE ON NORTHWEST SIDE NEAR ICE RINK (SEE DIAGRAM)

Locker Room Location: NA

Field Locations: GYMNASIUM

\*\*\* See map for highlighted emergency vehicle entrance options. \*\*\*

## Emergency Communication

- On-site telephone number: 907-451-7500 (DURING HOURS), 907-388-8424 (AFTER HOURS)
  - o Location: \_\_\_\_\_ (i.e. training room, locker room or field house)
- Fields
  - o Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_ (Certified Athletic Trainer)
  - o Cell phone: 907-987-6334 (Director of Club)
  - o Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_ (Coach or Coaches) <--YOUR NUMBER HERE!

Location of Shelters: NA

Location of AED(s): NA

Location of Medical Kit/Equipment: NA

Location of Medical Tents/Athletic Training Room: \_\_\_\_\_

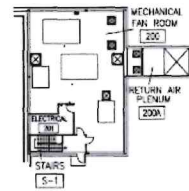
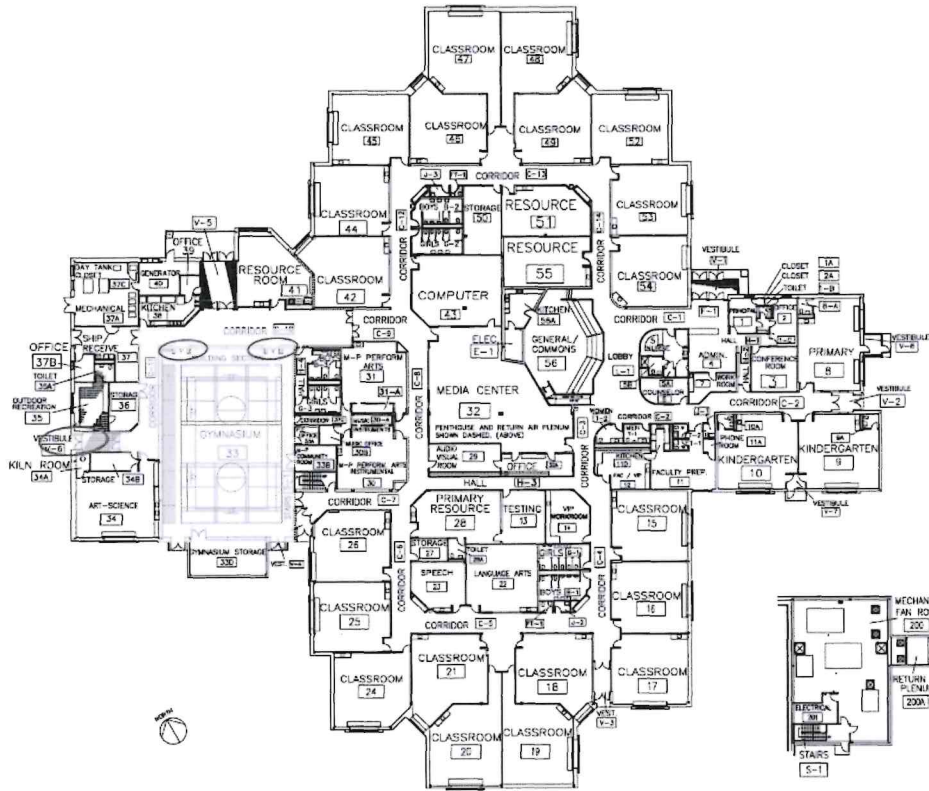
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# EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN



MECHANICAL PENTHOUSE PLAN  
SCALE: 1/16" = 1'-0"





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## LOCAL CLUB INFORMATION

FAIRBANKS YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

Club/Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Activity: INDOOR SOCCER (FUTSAL) AT DENALI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Address: 1042 LATHROP STREET, FAIRBANKS, AK

Venue: DENALI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Cross Streets: 10TH AVENUE & STEWART STREET

Main Entrance: NORTHWEST CORNER GYMNASIUM DOORS (SEE DIAGRAM)

Locker Room Location: NA

Field Locations: GYMNASIUM

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## Emergency Communication

- On-site telephone number: 907-452-2456 (DURING HOURS), 907-388-8424 (AFTER HOURS)
  - o Location: \_\_\_\_\_ (i.e. training room, locker room or field house)
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Location of Shelters: NA

Location of AED(s): NA

Location of Medical Kit/Equipment: NA

Location of Medical Tents/Athletic Training Room: \_\_\_\_\_

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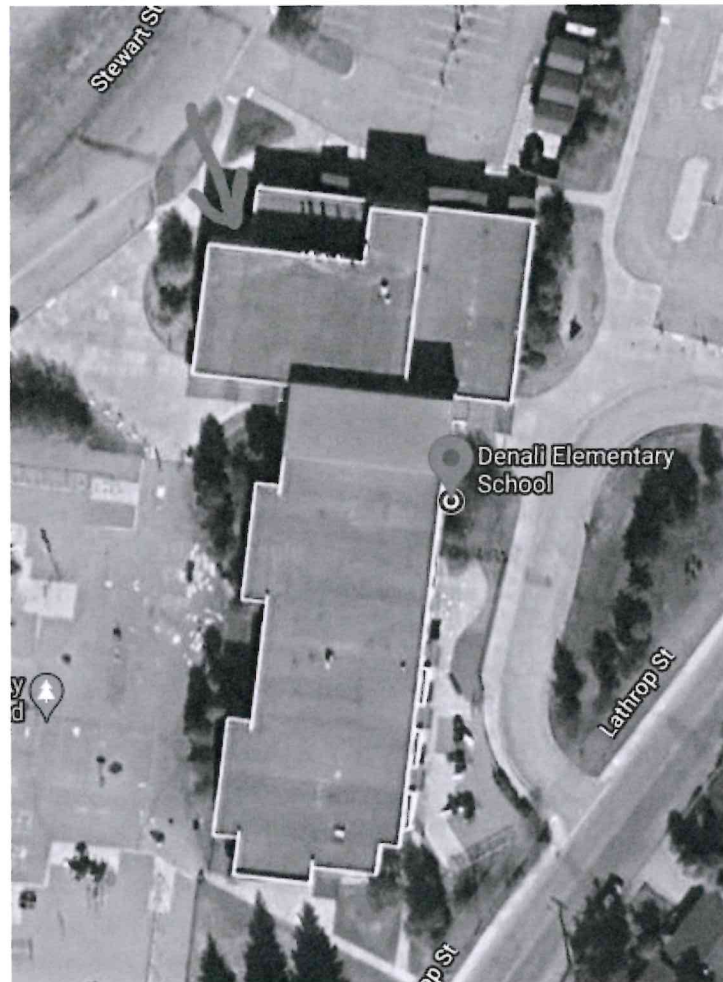
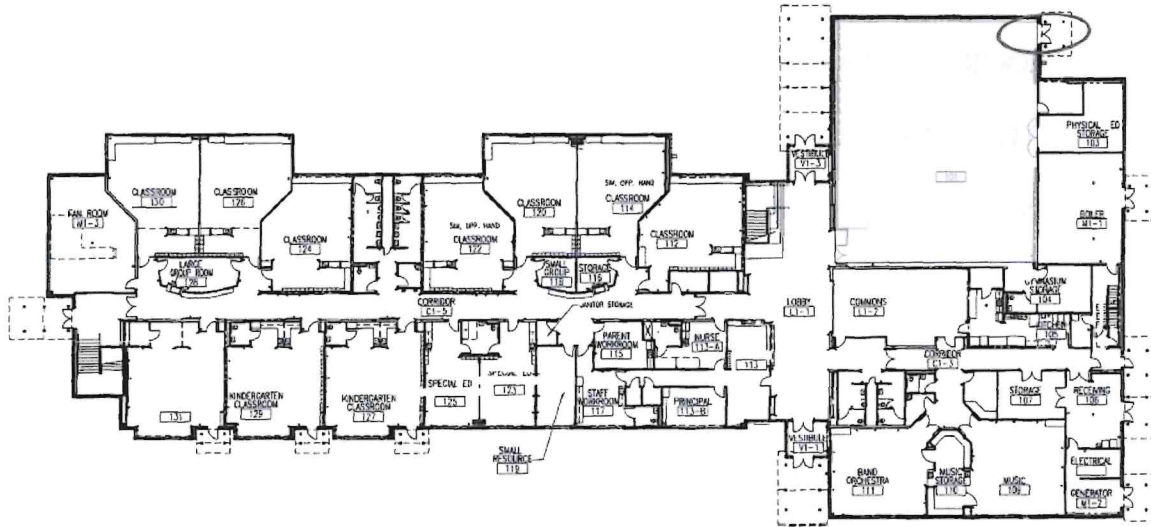
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# EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN

Denali Elementary - 1st Floor





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# EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN

## LOCAL CLUB INFORMATION

Club/Team Name: FAIRBANKS YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

Activity: INDOOR SOCCER (FUTSAL) AT HUNTER ELEMENTARY

Address: 1630 GILLIAM WAY, FAIRBANKS, AK

Venue: HUNTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Cross Streets: 16TH AVENUE & GILLIAM WAY

Main Entrance: NORTH SIDE OF SCHOOL, GYM DOORS

Locker Room Location: GYMNASIUM

Field Locations:

\*\*\* See map for highlighted emergency vehicle entrance options. \*\*\*

## Emergency Communication

SCHOOL: 907-456-5775 (DURING HOURS), 907-388-8424 (AFTER HOURS)

- On-site telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_
  - o Location: \_\_\_\_\_ (i.e. training room, locker room or field house)
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NA

Location of Shelters: \_\_\_\_\_

NA

Location of AED(s): \_\_\_\_\_

NA

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Location of Medical Tents/Athletic Training Room: \_\_\_\_\_

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# EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN



## LOCAL CLUB INFORMATION

**Club/Team Name:** FAIRBANKS YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

**Activity:** INDOOR SOCCER (FUTSAL) AT LADD ELEMENTARY

**Address:** 601 F STREET, FAIRBANKS, AK

**Venue:** LADD ELEMENTARY

**Cross Streets:** F STREET & CRAIG AVENUE, FAIRBANKS

**Main Entrance:** NORTHEAST SIDE VESTIBULE, ACROSS FROM ICE RINK (DIAGRAM)

**Locker Room Location:** NA

**Field Locations:** GYMNASIUM

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## Emergency Communication

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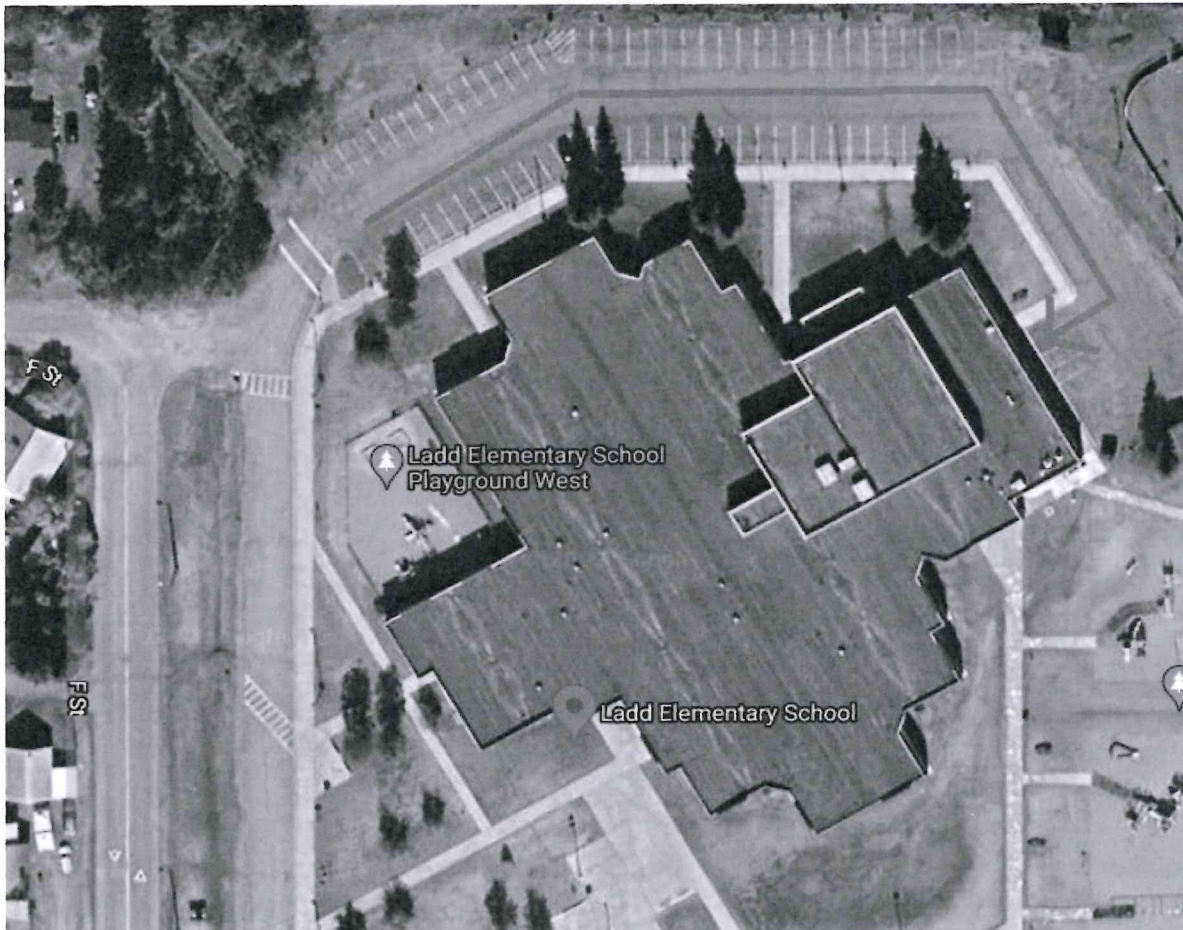
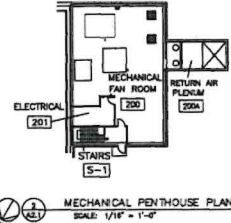
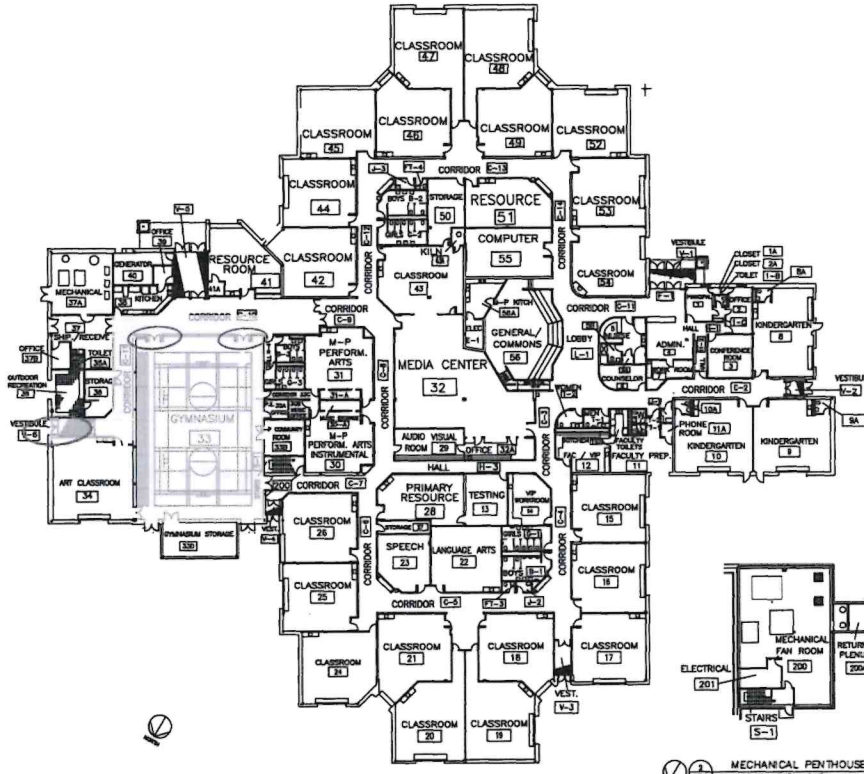
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Activity: INDOOR SOCCER (FUTSAL) AT

Address: FAIRBANKS, AK

Venue:

Cross Streets:

Main Entrance: EAST SIDE, SOUTHWEST CORNER (DIAGRAM)

Locker Room Location: NA

Field Locations: GYMNASIUM

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## Emergency Communication

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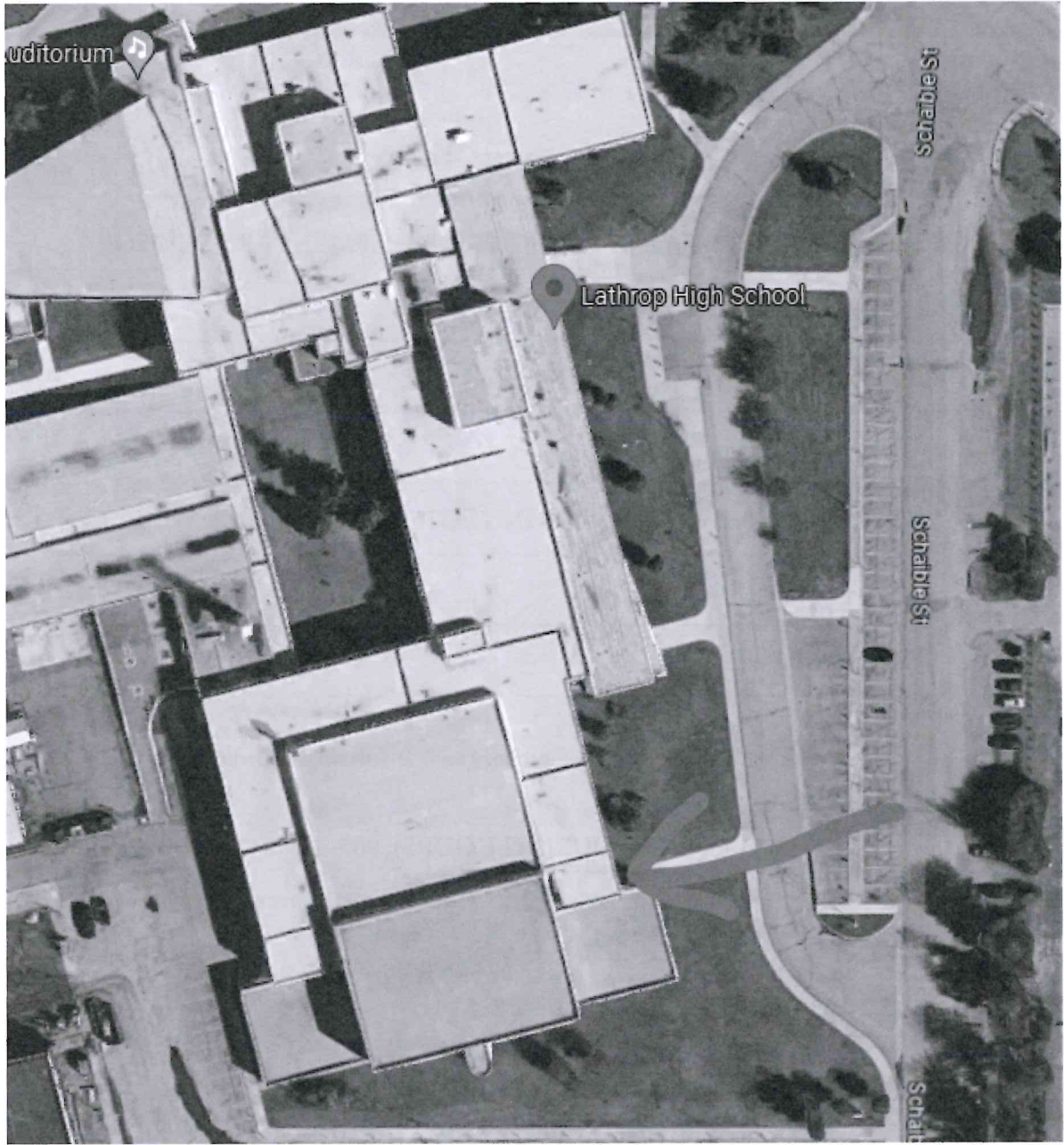
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## LOCAL CLUB INFORMATION

Club/Team Name: FAIRBANKS YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

Activity: INDOOR SOCCER (FUTSAL) AT MIDNIGHT SUN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Address: 2301 BRADWAY ROAD, NORTH POLE, AK

Venue: MIDNIGHT SUN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Cross Streets: BRADWAY ROAD & WOLL ROAD

Main Entrance: NORTHWEST SIDE NEAR PARKING LOT (SEE DIAGRAM)

Locker Room Location: NA

Field Locations: GYMNASIUM

\*\*\* See map for highlighted emergency vehicle entrance options. \*\*\*

## Emergency Communication

- On-site telephone number: 907-488-0134 (DURING HOURS), 907-388-8424 (AFTER HOURS)
  - o Location: \_\_\_\_\_ (i.e. training room, locker room or field house)
- Fields
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  - o Cell phone: 907-987-6334 (Director of Club)
  - o Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_ (Coach or Coaches) <--YOUR NUMBER HERE!

Location of Shelters: NA

Location of AED(s): NA

Location of Medical Kit/Equipment: NA

Location of Medical Tents/Athletic Training Room: \_\_\_\_\_

## LOCAL CLUB INFORMATION

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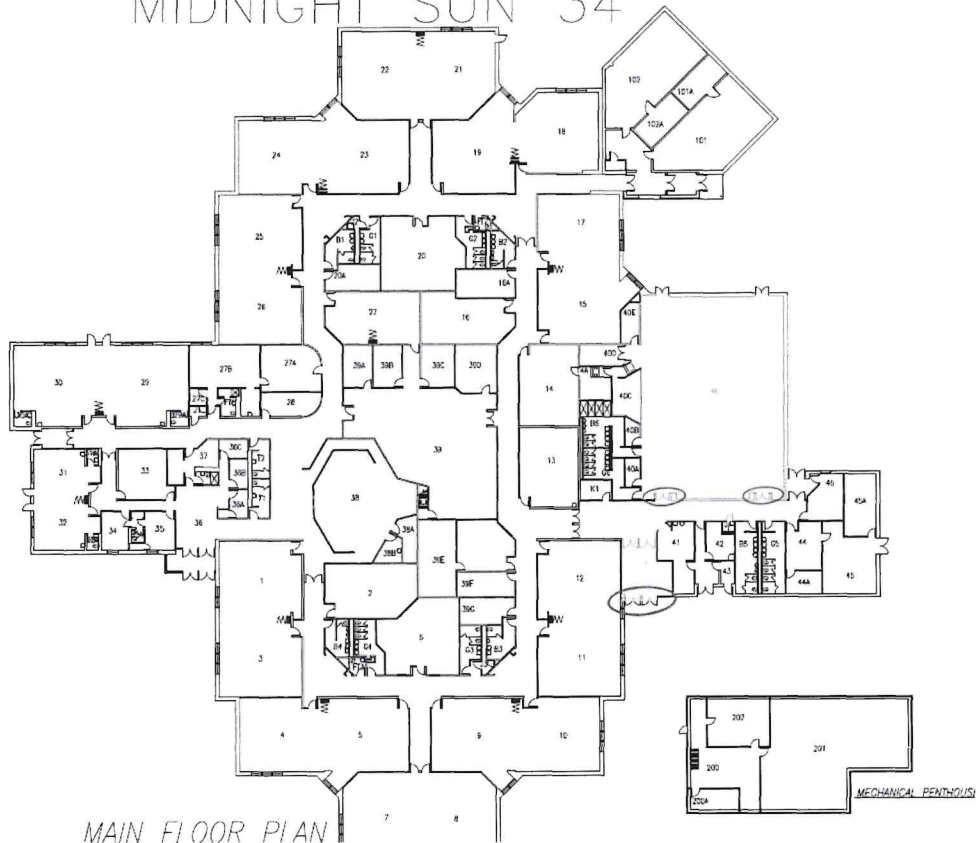


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## LOCAL CLUB INFORMATION

FAIRBANKS YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

Club/Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Activity: INDOOR SOCCER (FUTSAL) AT NORTH POLE ELEMENTARY

Address: 250 SNOWMAN LANE, NORTH POLE, AK

Venue: NORTH POLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Cross Streets: SNOWMAN LANE & EAST 4TH STREET

Main Entrance: GYMNASIUM DOORS ON EAST SIDE OF SCHOOL

Locker Room Location: NA

Field Locations: GYMNASIUM

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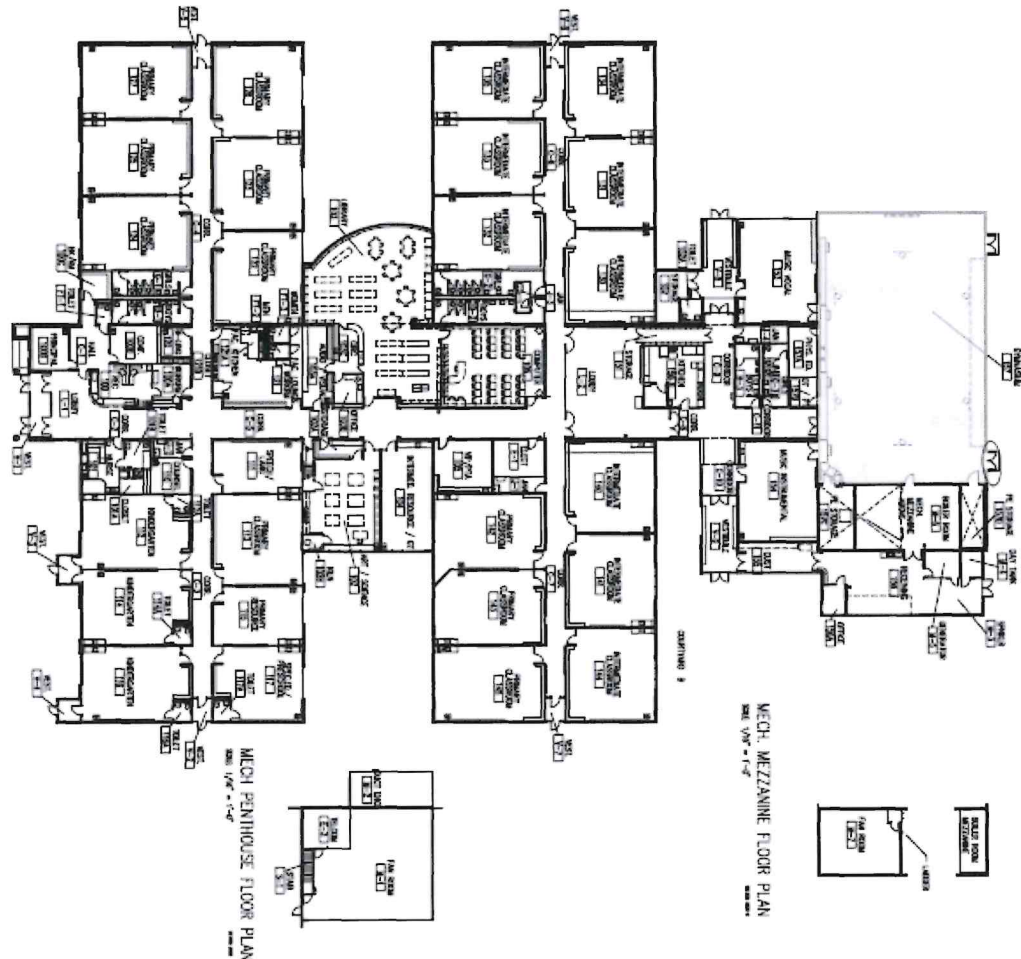
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OVERALL FLOOR PLAN  
SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"



MECH. PENHOUSE FLOOR PLAN  
SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"

MECH. MEZZANINE FLOOR PLAN  
SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"



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## LOCAL CLUB INFORMATION

FAIRBANKS YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

Club/Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Activity: INDOOR SOCCER (FUTSAL) AT NORTH POLE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Address: 300 EAST 8TH AVENUE, NORTH POLE, AK

Venue: NORTH POLE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Cross Streets: EAST 8TH AVENUE & DAVID BLVD

Main Entrance: SW SIDE GYMNASIUM DOORS (DIAGRAM)

Locker Room Location: NA

Field Locations: GYMNASIUM

\*\*\* See map for highlighted emergency vehicle entrance options. \*\*\*

## Emergency Communication

SCHOOL: 907-488-2271 (DURING HOURS), 907-388-8424 (AFTER HOURS)

- On-site telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_
  - o Location: \_\_\_\_\_ (i.e. training room, locker room or field house)
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Location of Shelters: NA

Location of AED(s): NA

Location of Medical Kit/Equipment: NA

Location of Medical Tents/Athletic Training Room: \_\_\_\_\_

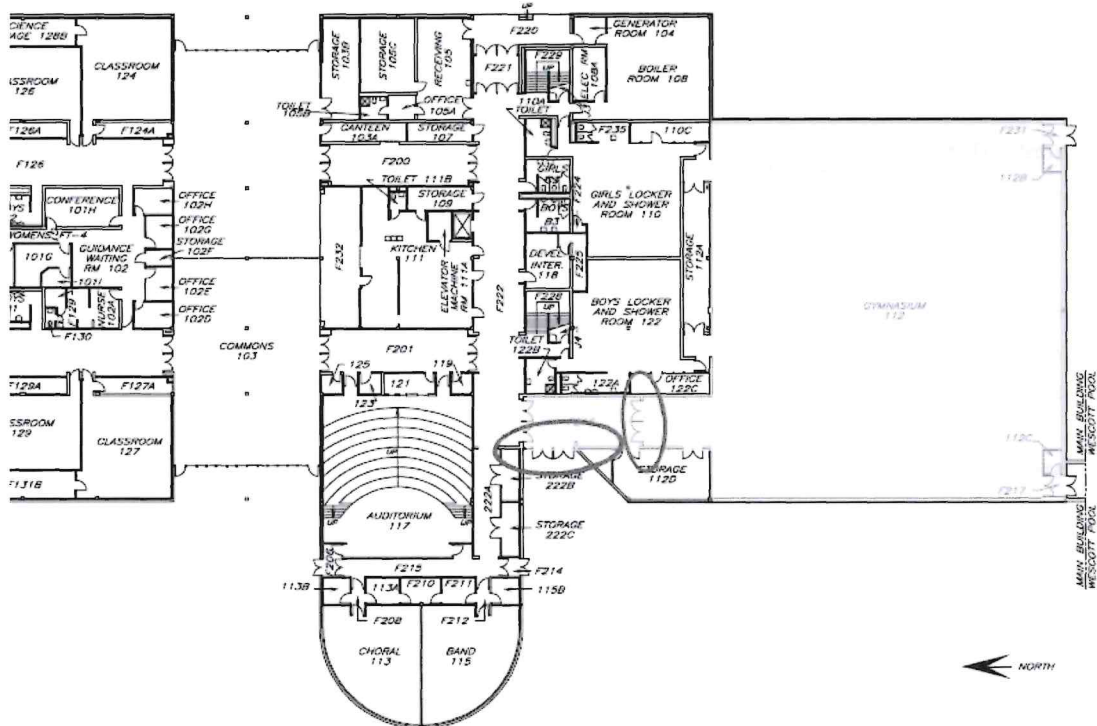
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## LOCAL CLUB INFORMATION

FAIRBANKS YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

Club/Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Activity: INDOOR SOCCER (FUTSAL) AT RANDY SMITH MIDDLE SCHOOL

Address: 1401 BAINBRIDGE BLVD, FAIRBANKS, AK

Venue: RANDY SMITH MIDDLE SCHOOL

Cross Streets: DANBY STREET & BAINBRIDGE BLVD

Main Entrance: NORTH DOORS MAIN (DIAGRAM)

Locker Room Location: NA

Field Locations: GYMNASIUM

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## Emergency Communication

SCHOOL: 907-458-7600 (DURING HOURS), 907-388-8424 (AFTER HOURS)

- On-site telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_
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Location of Shelters: NA

Location of AED(s): NA

Location of Medical Kit/Equipment: NA

Location of Medical Tents/Athletic Training Room: \_\_\_\_\_

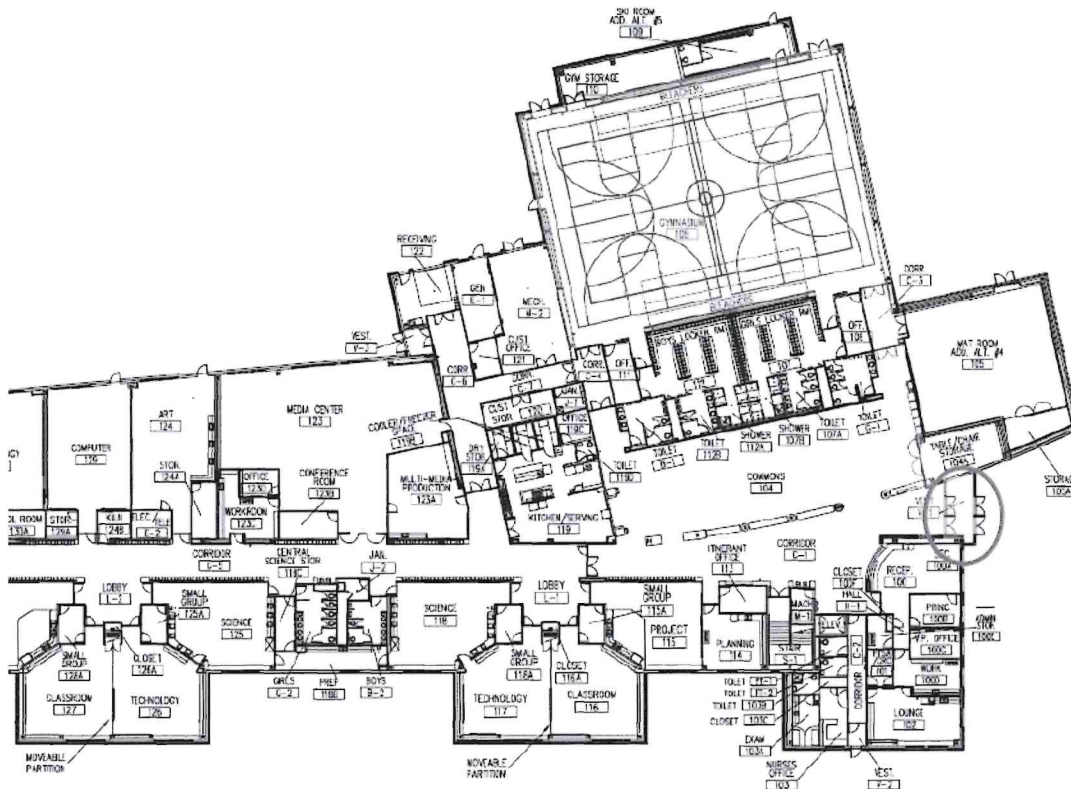
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## LOCAL CLUB INFORMATION

**Club/Team Name:** FAIRBANKS YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

**Activity:** INDOOR SOCCER (FUTSAL) AT RYAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

**Address:** 1450 COWLES STREET, FAIRBANKS, AK

**Venue:** RYAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

**Cross Streets:** COWLES STREET & AIRPORT WAY

**Main Entrance:** BEHIND MAIN BLDG, NORTH SIDE (DIAGRAM)

**Locker Room Location:** NA

**Field Locations:** GYMNASIUM

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## Emergency Communication

- On-site telephone number: SCHOOL: 907-452-4751 (DURING HOURS), 907-388-8424 (AFTER HOURS)
  - o Location: \_\_\_\_\_ (i.e. training room, locker room or field house)
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**Location of Shelters:** NA

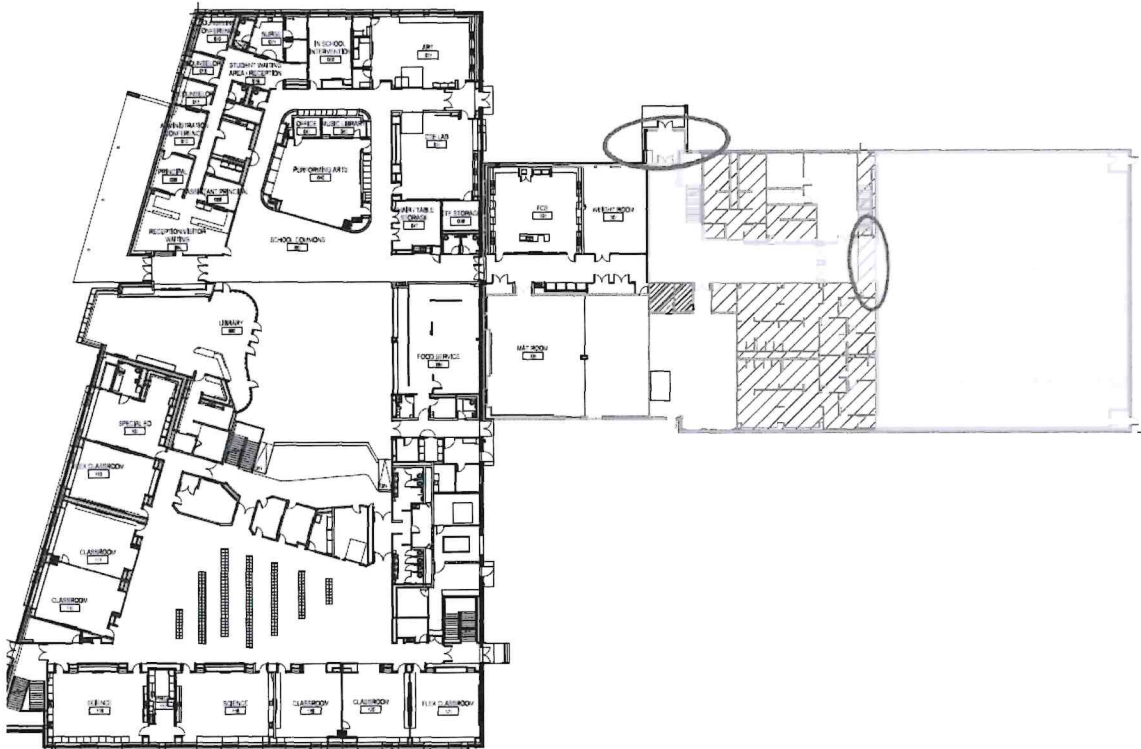
**Location of AED(s):** NA

**Location of Medical Kit/Equipment:** NA

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Club/Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Activity: INDOOR SOCCER (FUTSAL) AT TANANA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Address: 600 WEST TRAINOR GATE ROAD, FAIRBANKS, AK

Venue: TANANA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Cross Streets: F STREET & WEST TRAINOR GATE ROAD

Main Entrance: WEST SIDE OF BUILDING OFF 'F' STREET

Locker Room Location: NA

Field Locations: GYMNASIUM

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## Emergency Communication

SCHOOL: 907-452-8145 (DURING HOURS), 907-388-8424 (AFTER HOURS)

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  - o Location: \_\_\_\_\_ (i.e. training room, locker room or field house)
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Location of Shelters: NA

Location of AED(s): NA

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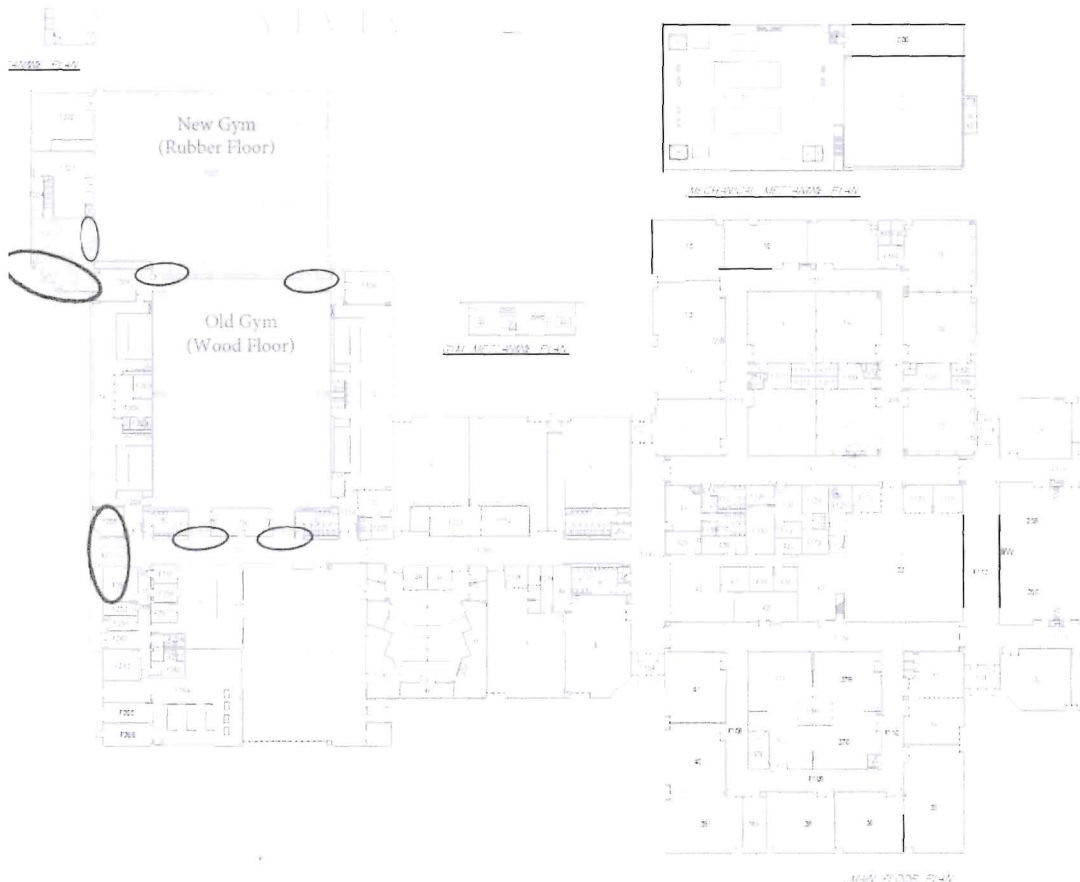
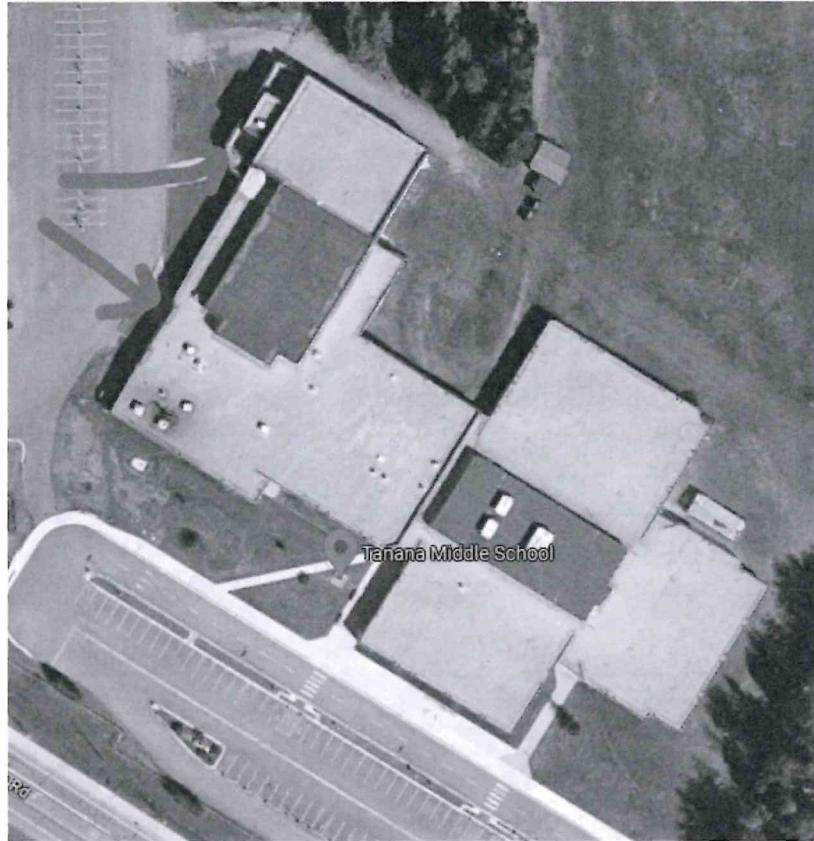
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## LOCAL CLUB INFORMATION

**Club/Team Name:** FAIRBANKS YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

**Activity:** INDOOR SOCCER (FUTSAL) AT TIKASUK BROWN ELEMENTARY

**Address:** 785 LAKLOEY DRIVE, NORTH POLE, AK

**Venue:** TICASUK BROWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**Cross Streets:** LAKLOEY DRIVE & TICASUK BROWN ACCESS ROAD

**Main Entrance:** ON NW SIDE OF SCHOOL, AROUND BACK (DIAGRAM)

**Locker Room Location:** NA

**Field Locations:** GYMNASIUM

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## Emergency Communication

- On-site telephone number: SCHOOL: 907-488-3200 (DURING HOURS), 907-388-8424 (AFTER HOURS)
  - Location: \_\_\_\_\_ (i.e. training room, locker room or field house)
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**Location of Shelters:** NA

**Location of AED(s):** NA

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**Location of Medical Tents/Athletic Training Room:** \_\_\_\_\_

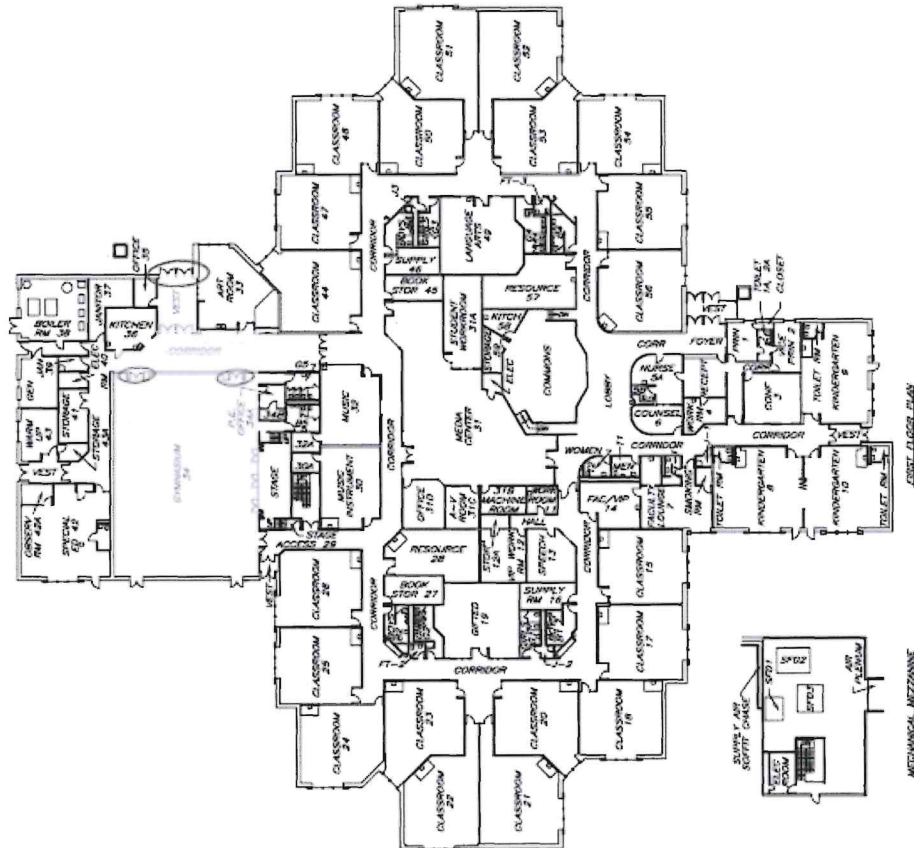
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## LOCAL CLUB INFORMATION

**Club/Team Name:** FAIRBANKS YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

**Activity:** INDOOR SOCCER (FUTSAL) AT U-PARK

**Address:** 554 LOFTUS ROAD, FAIRBANKS, AK

**Venue:** U-PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**Cross Streets:** LOFTUS ROAD & YORK AVENUE

**Main Entrance:** NORTHEAST SIDE OF BUILDING

**Locker Room Location:** NA

**Field Locations:** GYMNASIUM

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## Emergency Communication

SCHOOL: 907-479-6963 (DURING HOURS), 907-388-8424 (AFTER HOURS)

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**Location of Shelters:** NA

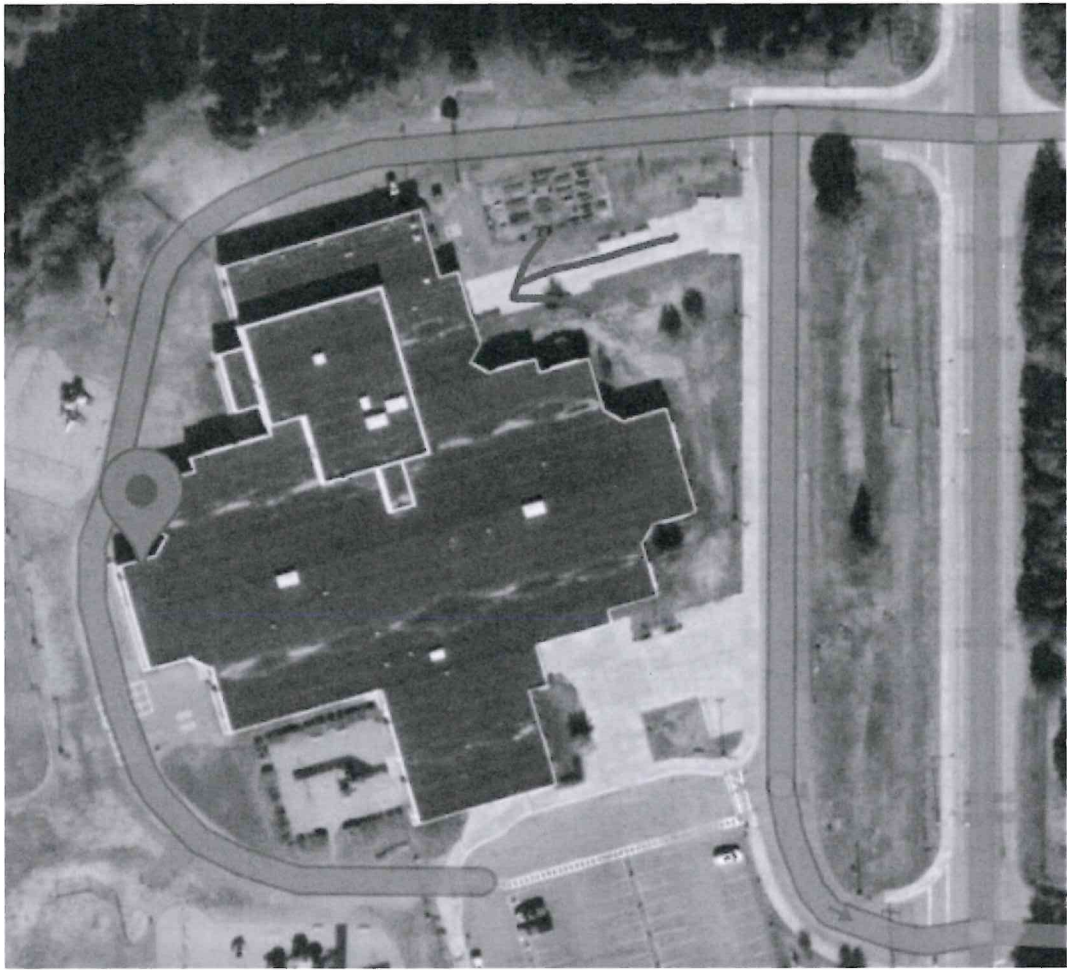
**Location of AED(s):** NA

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Club/Team Name: FAIRBANKS YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

Activity: INDOOR SOCCER (FUTSAL) AT WELLER ELEMENTARY

Address: 635 ELEMENTARY DRIVE, FAIRBANKS, AK

Venue: WELLER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Cross Streets: ELEMENTARY DRIVE & RAYBURN DRIVE

Main Entrance: SECONDARY ENTRANCE ON NORTH SIDE, WEST END

Locker Room Location: NA

Field Locations: GYMNASIUM

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## Emergency Communication

SCHOOL: 907-457-1629 (DURING HOURS), 907-388-8424 (AFTER HOURS)

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Activity: INDOOR SOCCER (FUTSAL) AT WOODRIVER ELEMENTARY

Address: 5000 PALO VERDE AVE, FAIRBANKS, AK

Venue: WOODRIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Cross Streets: PALO VERDE AVE & TRINIDAD DRIVE

Main Entrance: NW DOORS ON SIDE OF SCHOOL (SEE DIAGRAM)

Locker Room Location: NA

Field Locations: GYMNASIUM

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## Emergency Communication

SCHOOL: 907-479-4211 (DURING HOURS), 907-388-8424 (AFTER HOURS)

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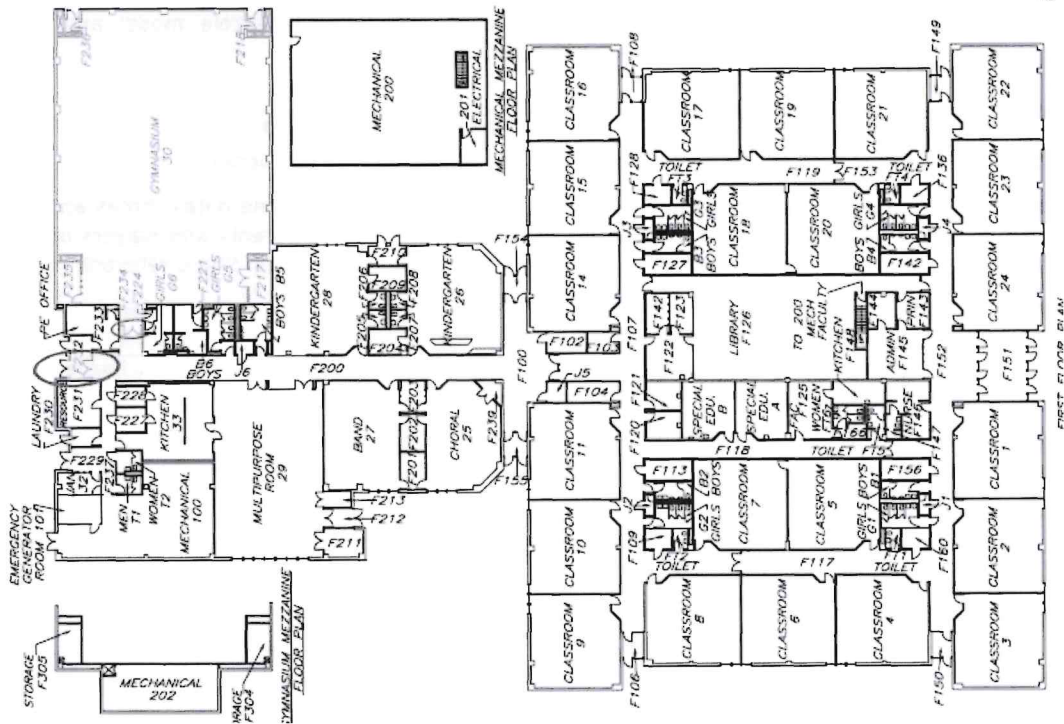
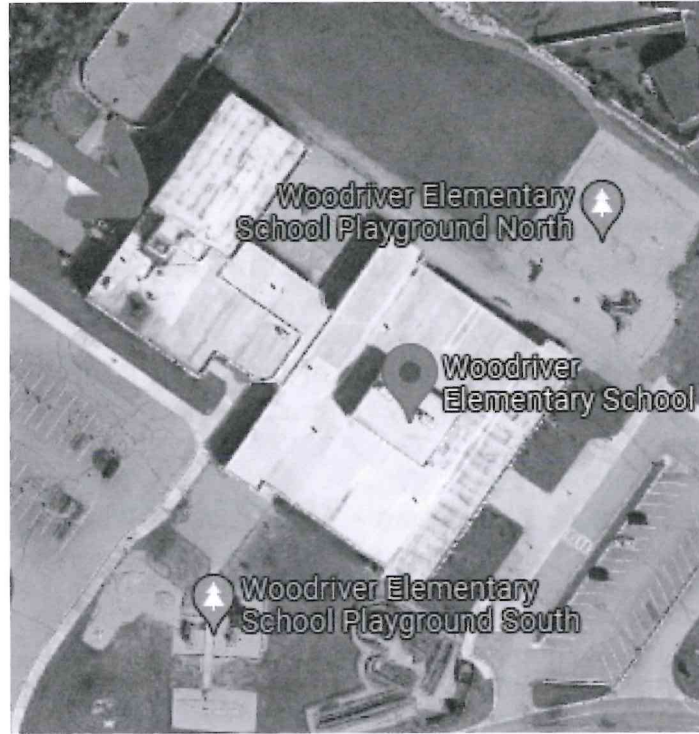
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# YOUTH INDOOR FUTSAL SOCCER PROGRAM HANDBOOK, Fall 2024

For Coaches, Parents, Players & Referees

Last Updated: August, 2024

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FNSBSD Gym-access issues: 907-456-4107

**\*Note: For indoor seasons, FYSA utilizes futsal rules. Read the following rules carefully.**

## Coaches, parents, players & referees - Our goals are Safe, Fair and Fun!

**SAFE.** Our first responsibility is the health and safety of all participants. Check players' equipment and gym conditions for safety. Teach players safe techniques and methods of play to help avoid injuries. Communicate with parents often. Be familiar with and adhere to any COVID-19 related 'mitigation plan' guidelines as published by FYSA.

**FAIR.** Know and understand the Futsal Laws of the Game and policies set forth by FYSA in this Handbook and online. Be sensitive to each child's needs. Be aware of and educate players on the technical, physical and psychological aspects of the game for their level. Ensure all players play a minimum of 50% of each game they attend.

**FUN!** Develop each child's appreciation of the game with positive feedback. Keep winning and losing in their proper perspective. Practices should be conducted in the spirit of enjoyment and learning. Be a positive role model and set the standard for sportsmanship with opponents, referees, administrators and spectators.

## LEAGUE POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES

(Note: While many topics are applicable to all ages, some info does not pertain to PreK divisions)

**Coaches! Your first task is to contact your team.** FYSA schedules all practice and game dates, times and locations. Make sure you and all parents are aware of the schedule and have a way to contact you. Inform parents and players of proper equipment to bring to practices and games. Keep parents informed of any changes to the posted schedules. Share relevant info contained here.

**Uniforms, Equipment & Safety:** Only **non-marking athletic shoes are to be worn for indoor soccer activities.** FYSA reversible jerseys should be worn as BLUE for the Home team and GREEN for the Away team. Players must wear shinguards during games and practices. **No jewelry or watches may be worn during games or practice.** This includes earrings and other piercings. Covering piercings and other jewelry with tape or a bandage is NOT sufficient.

Players in age groups U10 division (equivalent to our 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade division) and younger, **shall not head the ball during practice or in a game.** Coaches should familiarize themselves with concussions and other player safety information available online.

Futsal soccer balls will be provided to each recreational team, but players are welcome and encouraged to bring their own ball for practices. Coaches return balls and other team gear to FYSA after the last game. Questions regarding equipment and safety may be directed to FYSA. Coaches and parents should discuss any special needs of players. Players should bring their playing shoes separate from those they wear outside to avoid tracking snow on the court.

**Practices:** Discuss parental involvement and expectations for adults and players. Discuss goals for the season and other policies. Help all youth and adults remember our focus on 'Safe, Fair and Fun'. During the registration process, each participant/parent accepts the Sportsmanship Commitment to show respect for others, including opponents and referees. Players should not be left unattended after games/practices. Parents/guardians do not need to stay for training sessions but must be one-time to pick-up their player promptly at the conclusion.

**Every coach will be provided with practice plans for each level that we encourage coaches to use. These training plans include age-specific ideas and skill objectives.** Coaches are permitted to develop their own training plans, if they are comfortable. Each practice session should have either an attacking or defending objective appropriate to the age-level that includes skill development points. We encourage a "Play-Practice-Play" format, modeled in the provided training plans, that is organized into three (3) twenty-minute minute phases.

-Play Phase 1: The coach should immediately have players play small-sided 2v2 or 3v3 games. Coaches can stop every 5 minutes to introduce the practices objectives and introduce the technical points of the training. This phase serves as the warm-up.

-Practice Phase: The coach should design an exercise that teaches the knowledge and skills necessary to achieve the goal of the training. This exercise should be as game-like as possible, avoiding having players standing in lines or waiting for long periods.

-Play Phase 2: The coach should have players play a 4v4 or 5v5 scrimmage. The coach can coach players to enact the knowledge and skills while players play. The coach should have a 2 minute half-time to re-emphasize the coaching points.

**Coaching Education.** FYSA encourages our coaches at all levels to obtain coaching education. We will provide a coaching training session at the start of the season, focusing on the Play-Practice-Play format. FYSA will also partially or entirely reimburse coaches who complete approved training courses. A list of approved courses will be distributed to coaches or is available on request.

**Gym Information:** FYSA reserves various gyms through FNSBSD to utilize for practices and games. Individual schools have priority over their gyms for activities. We may occasionally have cancellations, sometimes with little notice, of previously scheduled gym times. When such an event occurs, FYSA will make every effort to contact affected coaches and teams. Occasionally open slots to reschedule teams may be available. However, because school cancellations are out of our hands, we cannot guarantee that canceled practices will be rescheduled. All teams should help ensure that trash is picked up before they leave. Outside dumpsters are not for personal use. Parking signs (Handicapped, Fire Lane etc.) should be observed. Avoid tracking in snow, ice and water on the court. Dry shoes before entering and avoid walking across the center of the court. This helps reduce accidents due to wet spots on the floor.

**Goals:** Not all schools will have soccer goals on site, although most will. Goals will be placed at locations that host games on Saturdays and located outside the gym doors, usually up against the building. The first teams in the gym bring the goals inside to set them up and the last teams put them back. The responsibility for goal storage lies with the coaches and parents of the team(s) using the gym, not the referee or custodian. When moving the goals, carry rather than drag them to avoid damaging gym floors. If there are any questions regarding goal storage or if you notice a goal that is damaged or in disrepair, contact FYSA.

**Field markings:** Some of our facilities have futsal markings and others do not. When we do not have futsal marking, we will use the markings that are available on the floor. Fields may depart from FIFA futsal standards and may vary from location to location.

**Bench location:** Teams benches should be located on the opposite side of the spectators at each gym. Spectators are not permitted on the team side or, if impossible to avoid, are not permitted in the team areas.

To reduce confusion and permit coaches to clearly communicate and manage their teams, we are separating teams from the spectator area.

**League Games:** Coaches, ensure your players are properly attired and equipped. Referees will typically consult with each team prior to the game to communicate any specific guidelines regarding boundaries, goalie box, etc. Be on time! Games run back to back, so teams can begin warming up off the court by stretching and discussing the upcoming match. When the prior game has ended, teams should take to the court immediately and utilize all available time to continue warming up until the referee indicates the game is ready to begin. It is important that games start and finish on time. If you have the first game of the day, try and come a little earlier as goals will need to be set up. A 1:00pm game that starts at 1:10pm can create a domino effect. However, if managed properly by everyone involved, it is not difficult for the schedule to get back on track in just a couple game slots. Games delayed due to one of the teams may have shortened halves to ensure that they finish and clear the gym so the next teams can begin on time. Generally, there is a grace period of 4-5 minutes before this needs to be applied. The referee will communicate with coaches any adjustments to game length. If a game is delayed at no fault of either team (previous game running behind, gym access issues, etc.) every effort should be made by teams and the referee to quickly prepare for the new game to start as soon as possible.

**50% Minimum Play Rule:** All recreational players shall play a minimum of 50% of all available minutes for the games that they attend. Playing time is not required to be all in one half. Coaches are not required to track exact minutes of each player's participation, but they should be diligent in managing their substitutions to ensure each player is allowed a min. of 50% of playing time in each game they attend. Even if a child misses practice, they are entitled to this as it ensures that all participants will have a fair share of playing time, regardless of skill, age, gender and game outcome. **The 50% Minimum Play Rule must be followed, 100% of the time.**

**Co-Ed Guidelines:** Recreational teams are co-ed. There is no policy requiring a certain number of each gender to be on the court at any given time. Rather than dictating the number of males/females that must always be on the court, we instead emphasize the **'50% Minimum Play Rule'** as outlined above. Coaches are encouraged to follow a substitution schedule and not attempt to substitute for the match situation.

**Sportsmanship:** Coaches should set a good example for their players and promote good sportsmanship. Only positive comments should be made, whether to one's own team, opponents, spectators or the referee. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players and spectators. Do not argue with the referee regarding calls. Many referees, just like the players, are learning and growing. Referee concerns should always be handled respectfully. Contact FYSA with any concerns.

**5-Goal Rule:** Teams trailing by 5 goals or more may add an additional player onto the pitch. This player must be removed from the pitch when the gap is lower than 5 goals.

**Forfeits and Unofficial Matches:** If a team does not have the minimum number of players the match is deemed a forfeit. To allow all those present to still play some soccer an 'unofficial' match can still be played. The referee remains to oversee the match, which is still considered an FYSA activity. Teams may 'loan' players to balance out sides. If loaning cannot bring up one or both teams to full number on the field, other FYSA-registered youth present may participate, provided they are the same age or within one step of the team's age group. Adjust playing time accordingly, if necessary, to end the match at the originally scheduled time (see 'League Games' section). In 4v4 levels, loaning does not require the declaration of an unofficial match but recruitment of players outside the two rosters does require the coaches to agree on or inform the referee, if one is present.

**Dual-Rostering:** Recreational players may only play with one team. Players may only play for another team if an 'unofficial match' has been declared due to low attendance. The first option in a low attendance situation is a 'loan' of players between the two teams. If that is not feasible, and the opposing coach has no objections, a player from another team may be permitted to play. This extra

player should receive no more playing time than the least amount of playing time given to the rostered players. Teams may also opt to play with low numbers if they choose.

Players will be permitted to register for both an FYSA recreational team and an ESC team in the same division provided they pay the full fee for FYSA. When the FYSA and ESC teams face each other, the dual-rostered player must play with their FYSA team unless the ESC team has 4 or fewer players in attendance. No players may play on more than one FYSA team.

**Inclement Weather:** Except for rare circumstances, FYSA does not cancel activities on its own for weather related issues. If temperatures are extreme or road safety is a concern, parents and coaches should determine for themselves if they wish to participate. Soccer activities are typically only canceled when the FNSBSD gyms are not available. This is based on custodians being scheduled. While some classes or activities may occasionally be canceled at the school or district level, the building reservation office determines if gyms will still be open for our use. Due to gym availability, games that are forfeited for any reason will not be rescheduled. Additionally, if you know your team will not be participating in a scheduled game or practice, please contact FYSA as soon as possible. We are billed for reservations even if the gym is empty, so please help us manage any gym non-usage costs.

**Concerns:** This is YOUR program. FYSA Staff are here to support you as we strive to provide positive soccer experiences for all youth. Problems such as sportsmanship issues, referee matters, etc. should be reported to FYSA via e-mail at [staff@fairbanksyouthsoccer.com](mailto:staff@fairbanksyouthsoccer.com). Our office phone number is 907-456-3972. For after-hours assistance with things such as locked gyms, missing goals on game day, team or referee no shows, or any other 'soccer emergencies', feel free to call or text our FYSA after hours number at 907-987-6334 for assistance.

**In the event of any serious incident or injury, please notify FYSA as soon as possible.**

## **FYSA's Indoor Futsal Soccer League 'LAWS OF THE GAME'**

The basic laws are laid in FIFA's published *Futsal Laws of the Game, 2022-2023*, as approved by the USSF. Due to our facilities, we must have modifications to the FIFA FLTOG, but default guidelines are in the public.

**LAW 1-THE PITCH:** Boundary lines & goal areas vary from gym to gym. Consult referees or FYSA Staff for questions. In general, boundaries will follow what is available on the courts. For example, the penalty area may consist of the 3 point line on basketball courts or other boundaries available, even though that boundary does not comply with the *FLOTG*. Goal sizes may vary depending on the size available in the spaces, but the goal should be equal sizes.

**4v4 goal laws.** 4v4 play should involve goals that are no larger than 6 feet wide and 4 feet high, if possible.

**LAW 2-THE BALL:** No alteration from the Laws. Youngest ages play with a size 2 ball, mid-youth with a size 3, and middle school & high school players with a size 4 futsal ball.

**LAW 3-THE PLAYERS (includes substitution guidelines):** Futsal matches are played by two teams of 5 players on the pitch, including one identified goalkeeper. FYSA teams consist of a roster of up to 10 players. Teams must maintain 3 players on the pitch at all times, including an identified goalkeeper. If a team is unable to place three players or a goalkeeper on the field for any reason, the match may be abandoned as a forfeit or converted to an unofficial match. Discretion is permitted to allow teams to figure out how to field a team, but the game clock must run during these times.

**Short team rule for 5v5.** In the spirit of providing more playing opportunities, teams that cannot reach a sufficient number of players to start the match or feel uncomfortable starting with three players or four players may choose to 'forfeit' the match and play an unofficial match instead. In the case of an 'unofficial' match, the team without players may 'loan' enough players from the opponent to reach five players, as long as that does not bring the opponent below five players. Opponent coaches should accommodate these loans whenever possible. To choose an unofficial match, the coaches must inform the referee. Once the unofficial match has been chosen, the official match may not be played even if more players appear.

**4v4 rules.** Matches in our 1st/2nd grade divisions will be played by teams of 4 players on the pitches and will play without a goalkeeper. Teams must have at least 3 players on the pitch at all times. If a team is unable to place three players on the field for any reason, the match may be abandoned as a forfeit or converted to an unofficial match. Discretion is permitted to allow teams to figure out how to field a team, but the game clock must run during these times.

**U8 goalkeeper rule:** Players at the U8 level may not serve as a functional goalkeeper. When the ball is in their own half and out of their possession, defending players must stay at least 3 yds from the goal-line, unless within 3 yds of an opponent or the ball. When the ball is in the opponent half, players must stay at least 6 yds from their own goal-line. A player that is in violation of this rule when a ball is struck and blocks an opponent's shot should be called for 'goalkeeping' and the opposing team should be awarded an indirect kick from the spot of the offense.

Examples:

The Red team has the ball in the Blue team's half. Blue Player is standing within 1yd of the goal-line with no opponents within three yards of him. Red player shoots the ball and Blue Player blocks it. If there is no advantage to the Red team, the referee will award an indirect free kick to the Red team from where the Blue Player blocked the ball.

The Blue team has the ball in Red team's half, but Blue Player A is still standing 4 yds away from their own goal in the Blue team half. The Red team steals the ball and clears it away by kicking it toward the Blue team goal. Blue Player A runs forward to intercept the ball 10yds from their own goal. If there is no advantage to the Red team, the referee will award an indirect free kick to the Red team from where Blue Player A intercepted the ball. This is because their starting point when the ball was struck was in violation of the goalkeeping rule.

The Red team has the ball in the Blue team half. Blue Player A is standing 5yds from the goal line. Red Player A shoots the ball and Blue Player A moves to the goal-line to block the shot. No offense has occurred because Blue Player A was in a legal position when Red Player A shot the ball.

Blue team has the ball in the Red team half but Player A is standing near the right touchline in the Blue team half 10yds from the Blue team goal. Red Player A steals the ball and kicks it toward the Blue team goal from their own half. Blue Player runs and blocks the ball from going into the goal 2 yds from the call. No offense has occurred because Blue Player A was in a legal starting position when Red Player A shot the ball.

**Short team rule for 4v4.** In 4v4, we encourage teams with few players to 'loan' a player from the opponent team to reach 4 players. Any team in the 4v4 level may 'loan' up to enough players to reach five total players, but only from the opponent team. If there are not enough players to start a match due to neither team having enough players (for example, one team having 2 players and the other team having 3 players), the coaches may choose to play an 'unofficial' match where any registered player from any 4v4 division may play with the teams to bring them up to 4 players each. To choose an 'unofficial' match, the coaches just need to jointly inform the referee or, in the case of no referee, just agree with each other. All players in the match must be registered in an FYSA youth division. No unregistered players or players from outside the 4v4 level are permitted to play.

**Substitutions:** All substitutions are on the fly, this includes goalkeeping substitutions. Referees will not stop play for goalkeeping substitutions. A substitute may not enter the pitch until the player leaving the pitch leaves through the substitution zone in front of his teams' bench. Any substitute who enters the pitch before the player being replaced has completely left the field of play may be shown a yellow card. All substitutions must take place through the substitution zone in front of his teams' bench -- not at the half-way line. If for any reason teams do not switch places during half-time, the substitutions must be made in the substitution zone in the team's defensive half. If substitution zone markings are unavailable on the pitch, we will use the touchline on the defensive half as the zone. This rule will only be enforced at the U10 level and above.

**LAW 4-THE PLAYERS' EQUIPMENT:** Shirt, shorts, socks, shin guards and shoes are all mandatory. Socks must cover shin guards completely, shoes must be non-marking, and shirts should be tucked into the shorts. Exceptions for religious and cultural adherence will be permitted, provided it does not pose a danger to others. Players with casts or other medical devices should seek clearance with FYSA prior to participation. A player will not be permitted to use any object the referee may judge to be dangerous to other players. **NO EARRINGS OR OTHER PIERCINGS/JEWELRY ARE ALLOWED.** No blood is allowed on the court. All blood on a player must be cleaned up and/or covered before reentering the game. The game will be stopped until any blood on the court is cleaned up. If a player exhibits any symptoms of a concussion, they may not re-enter the game or return to play until they have been cleared by a medical professional. A player that becomes unconscious during play may not re-enter the match under any circumstances.

**LAW 5-THE REFEREE:** FYSA matches will be officiated by a single referee in U6-U12 divisions and two referees in U14-U19 divisions. 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade and Kindergarten divisions may not be provided referees, in which case coaches will officiate the game in the spirit of fairness, safety and fun. Coaches are permitted on the pitch in 4v4 to help players or to officiate.

The powers and duties of the Referee include but are not limited to:

- enforcing the Laws of the Game
- ensuring that players' equipment meet all requirements and policies
- acting as timekeeper and keeps a record of the match
- stopping, suspending or abandoning a match, at their discretion, for infringements of the Laws or outside interference
- indicating the restart of the match after it has been stopped
- stopping the match if, in their opinion, a player is seriously injured
- allowing play to continue when the team against which an offense has been committed will benefit from such an advantage and penalizing the original offense if the anticipated advantage does not ensue at that time (the 'Advantage Clause')
- taking disciplinary action against any individuals who violate Laws of the Game or other sportsmanship policies
- Other powers and duties as established by FIFA, USSF and/or FYSA

**LAW 6-THE OTHER MATCH OFFICIALS** FYSA futsal matches will only have one or two referees and will not have a timekeeper or any other match official, except that any FYSA senior staff member (Executive Director, programming staff, referee assignor) may assist the referee in properly interpreting and applying the laws, even during match play.

**LAW 7-THE DURATION OF THE MATCH:** Futsal matches will consist of two (2) 23 minute periods utilizing a running clock, except for time-outs. The match will be over once the time expires EXCEPT if the time expires while a team is preparing to take Direct Free Kick or a penalty kick. In these cases, the kick will be permitted and time will be considered expired when any of the following conditions are met: (1) The ball stops moving, (2) After the kick the ball is played by any other player than the defending goalkeeper, (3) The ball goes out of play, (4) The attacking team commits an offense identified by the referee. If a defending player commits a direct free kick offense after the kick but before any of the above conditions are met, the subsequent kick will also be permitted.

**Time outs.** Each team is entitled to one 60 second time-out per period. Coaches or players may request a time-out by communicating with the referee when the ball is out of play and in their possession. Referees should strictly enforce the time-out length.

**Half-time.** Half-time shall be no more than 4 minutes long. Teams will reverse sides and benches at half-time.

**4v4 match duration.** U6 4v4 teams will play four (4) periods that are eight (8) minutes each. Between the first and second period and the third and fourth periods, teams will get a 60 seconds break. Between the second and third period, teams will get a four-minute break. Substitutions may be made during the break. U8 4v4 teams will play four (4) periods that are ten (10) minutes each with the same break-times as U6.

**LAW 8-THE START AND RESTART OF PLAY:** No changes from the *FLOTG*.

**LAW 9-THE BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY:** The ball is always in play unless it completely crosses the touchline or goal line, or if play is stopped by the referee. If the ball makes contact with the ceiling or any other gym fixture that extends into or is within the field of play (ex. basketball hoops) play shall be stopped and resumed with a kick-in at the closest point on the touchline from where play stopped, taken by the opposing team of whoever last touched the ball. All kick-ins are indirect.

**LAW 10-DETERMINING THE OUT OF A MATCH:** FYSA futsal will permit matches to end in a draw. This diverges of the *FLOTG*, in which match outcomes are determined by kicks from the penalty mark.

**LAW 11– OFF-SIDE:** There is no offside law in futsal.

**LAW 12-FOULS AND MISCONDUCT** Fouls and misconduct are delineated here in FIFA's *Futsal Laws of the Game*, available here: <https://www.usyouthfutsal.com/the-rules>. Important highlight and alterations:

**Goalkeeper control rule.** Goalkeepers may only hold the ball with their hands for four (4) seconds. If a player violates this rule, an indirect free kick is awarded to the opponents. In the U10 divisions this rule will not be enforced but goalkeepers will be encouraged to release the ball.

**Goalkeeper releases:** On goalkeeper restarts, the goalkeeper must release the ball from their hand and another player must touch the ball before they can touch the ball again. The goalkeeper may not release the ball to their own feet on a restart from their hands. In live play, the goalkeeper may not volley the ball from their hand but may half-volley the ball.

**For developmental reasons, we will not be playing with the FLOTG goalkeeper second touch rule in youth divisions.** You may include the goalkeeper as a part of regular passing if the goalkeeper does not use their arms or hands.

**U6/U8 rules.** In the 4v4 divisions, all restarts after fouls will be indirect free kicks (IFK) and no cards will be used by referees. There are no penalty kicks in these divisions.

**No sliding or playing on the ground.** In FYSA futsal, players do not slide or leave their feet. A player who leaves their feet away from the play may be warned verbally. A player that leaves their feet—even accidentally—while involved in the play and does not contact the ball or an opponent and is not otherwise committing another foul will be penalized with an indirect free kick. A player that leaves their feet—even accidentally—and makes contact with another player or the ball will be penalized with a direct free kick or a penalty kick, as appropriate. A player who intentionally leaves their feet to engage in a slide tackle or block the ball from reaching the goal or an opponent should be cautioned and shown a yellow card. A player who intentionally slides but is not blocking a pass or shot does not need to be cautioned. If a player leaves their feet due to incidental contact initiated by an opponent (off-balance and bumped, for example) the player should not be penalized and play should continue as long as it is not dangerous and does not interfere with the ball. If it interferes with the ball, an indirect free kick should be awarded to the team of the player who was forced to the ground.

Goalkeepers may slide to block or collect the ball inside their penalty area but may not endanger an opponent by doing so.

Many examples:

1. Blue Player is defending near the Blue goal while Red Player is attacking with the ball. Red Player takes a shot and Blue Player stretches to block the ball, but maintains her feet. After the shot, Blue Player falls to the ground due to the stretch while play is active around her. If the Red team does not have an immediate advantage, the referee should blow the whistle and award the Red team an Indirect Free Kick because the Blue Player left her feet while involved in active play.
2. Red Player has the ball and is attacking the Blue goal. Red Player shoots at the goal and Blue Player slides to the ground inside the penalty area to block the shot. If there is no advantage to the Red team, the referee should blow the whistle, caution Blue Player for interfering with a shot by intentionally leaving their feet, and award Red team a penalty kick.
3. Red Player A blocks a shot while standing and the ball deflects toward the endline outside of the penalty area for what could be a corner kick. Red Player B pursues the ball and slides to reach it and prevent it from going over the touchline. The referee should blow the whistle and restart with a direct free kick but should not caution Red Player B because their intentional slide did not stop an opponent play nor was it a tackle on an opponent.
4. Blue Player A attempts a pass to Blue Player B outside of the penalty area. Red Player A attempts to block the pass by a slide but does not succeed. Blue Player B is able to receive the ball and progress toward the Red team goal. The referee should not stop play because the Blue team has an advantage. At the next stoppage of play, the referee should verbally warn Red Player A that leaving their feet is not allowed. If Red Player A repeats the offense of attempting to interfere with the opponent by leaving their feet they may be cautioned for persistent infringement, even if they are unsuccessful again.
5. Blue Player is attacking toward the Red team goal in the Red team's half of play and shoots from outside the penalty area. Red player stretches to block the ball and achieves the block before losing their balance and falling to the ground. The ball deflects immediately over the touchline for a Blue kick-in. No action is needed by the referee because the Red Player achieved the block before unintentionally falling to the ground and their fall did not interfere with play. The referee may remind the Red Player that leaving their feet is not permitted but no action is necessary.
6. Red Player is dribbling the ball toward the Blue team goal. Blue player attempts a standing tackle against Red Player, but falls to the ground. While Blue Player is still on the ground, Red Player attempts a pass that strikes Blue Player unintentionally. If there is no advantage, the referee should halt play and award Red team a direct free kick because Blue Player interfered with play while not on their feet.
7. Blue Player is dribbling toward the Red team goal. While Blue Player is dribbling, Red Player slips and fall down. While on the ground, Red Player reaches out a foot and kicks the ball away from Blue Player. If there is no advantage for Blue team, the referee should halt play, caution Red Player for intentionally playing the ball while off their feet, and restart with a direct free kick for Blue team.
8. Red Player is in possession of the ball outside of the Blue team's penalty area. In the course of play, Blue Player falls down unintentionally in the penalty area. While Blue Player is on the ground, Red Player attempts a pass that strikes the Blue Player. If there is no immediate advantage for the Red team, the referee should halt play and award a penalty kick to the Red team because the Blue player directly interfered with a ball while off their feet in the penalty area. There is no need for a warning, caution or send-off because the interference was unintentional.
9. Blue Player A is in possession of the ball and dribbling toward the Red team goal. Blue Player A shoots and Red Player stretches to block the shot inside the penalty area. While Red Player is off-balance from the stretch, Blue Player B makes contact with Red Player and causes Red Player to fall. Meanwhile, Blue Player A has recovered the ball and shoots again, striking Red Player while Red Player is on the ground. If Red Player does not make an attempt to block the ball, the referees may take one of two actions: 1) If the contact that caused Red Player to fall was incidental and no advantage accrued to the Red team, the referee should halt play and

restart with an indirect free kick for the Red team because Red Player was forced to the ground in a way that interfered with the ball.  
2) If the contact was a foul and no advantage accrued to the Red team the referee should halt play and restart with direct free kick for the Red team.

**Sending off.** If a player receives a red card, the team of the player must play with one less player for the next two minutes. After two minutes have expired, the team may bring on a substitute for the player. The referee will indicate when the time has expired and the team may not bring on a substitute until the referee has given permission. A player that comes on before the two minutes have expired or without the referees permission but does not interfere with play in any way should be sent back and warned. A player that comes before the two minutes have expired or without the referees permission and exerts any influence on the match should be cautioned at the nearest opportunity. Any goal scored by the team with a player on the field under these circumstances will not be counted and the play will restart with a goal clearance.

Players who are shown a red card for misconduct and sent off must leave the playing area (but may be in an attached lobby), unless there is safety concern for youth players or the player is unable to leave due to safety concerns (departing into unsafe weather conditions). Players who are allowed to remain despite having shown a red card must not interfere or influence the match in any way. The player may not cheer or make gestures or discuss the match with any person present. If the player does persist in this behavior, the referee may caution the team's coach (or captain, in adult matches without a coach) for failing to control their player. The referee may also warn the coach or team that if the sent-off player continues to influence the match by word or action, the match may be abandoned. After warning the team or coach, if the behavior continues, the referee may abandon the match. The player and team should be reported to FYSA.

**LAW 13-FREE KICKS** We will follow FLoTG rules. This includes:

- Four (4) seconds to execute any free kick for U12, U14 and U19 divisions. U6, U8, and U10 divisions will not follow this rule.
- Indirect free kick award because of an offense inside a team's own penalty area may be moved to a point directly forward on the penalty area line.
- Opponents must stay 5yds away from the ball.
- Opponents must stay outside the penalty area for any free kick made from inside the penalty area.
- We will not follow the accumulated fouls law for futsal.

**Direct Free Kick for a Sixth Accumulated Foul Law.** We will not track accumulated fouls or follow the accumulated foul law.

**LAW 14-THE PENALTY KICK:** A penalty kick is awarded for a direct free kick offense inside the opponent's penalty area. The kick will be taken from a spot 5yds from the goal line. Opponent's must remain on the pitch, at least 5 yds from the ball, and outside the penalty area until the kick is taken.

**LAW 15-THE KICK-IN:** This replaces the 'Throw-In' from standard LotG when the ball leaves the field of play by completely crossing the touchline. The kick shall be taken at the place where the ball crossed the touchline. The ball should be stationary, touching the line. The attacking team has four (4) seconds from placement of the ball to touch into play. Teams failing to move to place the ball will have the clock The ball is in play as soon as it has been kicked and moves. The player taking the kick may not touch the ball a second time without first making contact with another player (result: Indirect Free Kick to opposing team at the point of infraction). The players of the opposing team shall be at least 5 yds away from the spot where the kick is being taken. **A goal cannot be scored directly from a kick-in.** If the ball enters the opponent's goal from a kick-in, a goal clearance is awarded. If the ball enters the team's own goal, a corner kick is awarded.

**U6 dribble-in:** Players may dribble the ball into play rather than pass it. Opponents must be at least 3 yds away from the opponent when they restart play. Play is live as soon as the player taking the kick-in/dribble-in puts the ball into the field by touching it.

**U6-U10 four second rules:** U6, U8, and U10 divisions will not be required to follow the four-second restart rule.

**LAW 16-THE GOAL CLEARANCE:** This replaces the 'Goal-Kick' from standard LotG for when the ball leaves the field of play by completing crossing the goal line. The goalkeeper, standing within their own penalty area (PA), shall release the ball **with their hands** back into play. This may be done only by rolling, throwing or bouncing. No players may touch the ball until it has left the PA, at which time the ball is in play (result: retake the 'goal clearance'). The goalkeeper may not touch the ball a second time after releasing it (result: if the ball hasn't left the PA, retake; if outside the PA, an IFK is awarded to the opposing team at the point of contact).

**U6 kick-in/dribble-in:** We restart with dribble-in/kick-in taken from a stationary spot within 3yds of the goal-line. Opponents must retreat to the half-way line until the ball has been touched into play. The player taking the kick-in does not pass the ball but may simply start dribbling forward. The attacking team does not have to wait for the opponent to retreat to the half-way line but if an opponent still within the half receives the ball directly after the restart, the kick will be retaken.

**U8 goal-kick:** We restart with goalkicks taken from a stationary spot within 3 yds of the goal line. The player taking the kick may only take 1 touch before a teammate or opponent touches the ball (no U6 dribble-ins). Opponents must retreat to the half-way line until the ball has been kicked. Teams do not have to wait for the opponent to retreat to the half-way line but if an opponent still within the half receives the ball directly, the kick will be retaken.

**LAW 17-CORNER KICK** No changes from standard FLoTG except for U6 division.

**U6 corner-kick:** We restart with a dribble-in or kick-in taken from the corner kick spot. The ball must be stationary at the time of the kick. Opponents must stay 5yds or away from the restart until the first touch.

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**Feel free to contact FYSA with questions regarding rules/policies for clarification, interpretation or other feedback. Constructive input is always welcome via [staff@fairbanksyouthsoccer.com](mailto:staff@fairbanksyouthsoccer.com) 907-456-3972 (Office) or 907-987-6334 (after hours cell for gym access or game day emergencies). Thank you for being part of our soccer community!**