



### **Modifications to the Laws**

The United States Futsal to better protect the safety of youth and amateur players and maintain the integrity of the game has imposed the following modifications to the *FIFAFutsal Laws of the Game* for players 12 and under years of age, for veteran Futsal players (over 35 years of age) and for players with disabilities

- The size of the playing court; (Law I)
- The size of the ball; (Law II)
  - size 3 for 12 and under years of age
  - size 4 for all other ages
- The duration of the match may be modified by competition authorities; (Law VII)
- The game ends when the timekeeper signals the end with an acoustic signal; (Law VII)
- In the 12 and under ages any form of “Slide tackling” is not permitted and will result in a Direct Free Kick; (Law XII)
- In the 12 and under the ball may not be thrown or punted over the half-way line by the goalkeeper. Any infraction of this will result in an indirect free kick at the spot where the ball crossed the halfway line;
- A goal may NOT be scored directly from a kick-off; (Law VIII)
- A pick or obstruction is NOT allowed in a Futsal game;
- During a kick-in. The ball must be on the line where the ball left the court, the foot of the player taking the kick can be behind the line, on the line or inside the court, as long as part of the foot is on the sideline. All opposing player’s must be at least 3 meters (10 feet) away from the ball; (Law XV)
- During a goal clearance, the ball is in play as soon as it released by the goalkeeper and need not leave the area; (Law XVI).
- In the 12 and under ages, heading is not permitted and will result in awarding an Indirect Free Kick to the opposing team to be taken from the place where the infraction occurred, unless it happens in any place closer to the line parallel to the goal line running through the second penalty part. in which case the ball shall be brought back to that line closest to where the infraction occurred for the kick to be taken

The above are the only modifications that are permitted. All other laws must be followed as directed by the Laws of the Game and instructed by the referee department.

### **Male and Female**

References to the male gender in the *Laws of the Game* in respect of referees, players and officials are for simplification and apply to both male and females.



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