

Comparison Chart

Source: U.S. Soccer Federation

Outdoor Soccer Laws	Futsal Laws
Field of Play	Pitch (court)
A single penalty mark per half	A penalty mark and a 2 nd penalty mark per half
Technical area	Technical area plus Substitution zone
Large 8' x 24' goal	Small 6'7" (2m) x 9'10" (3m) goal
Surface is grass, turf or dirt	Surface is smooth wood or artificial material and turf on exceptional basis
Regular #5 Ball	Futsal #4 ball (reduced bounce)
11 players on the field	5 players on the pitch (court)
5 substitutions	Unlimited "flying" substitutions
No Sub/replacement for player sent off	Player sent off may be <u>replaced</u> after 2 min
Main Referee, two Assistant Referees, 4 th Official	Referee, 2 nd Referee, 3 rd Referee and Timekeeper
Referee is on the field, ARs off the field	Referees are usually outside the pitch (court), but enter when necessary
45-minute halves plus some additional time; Extra time may be used to determine a winner	20 minutes of playing time per half – no additional time; Same: Extra time may be used to determine the winner
Running clock kept by the Referee	Visible running clock which stops when ball is out of play
No time outs allowed	1 min time out per team per half
Offside Law defined & used	Offside does not apply
10 DFK & 8 IFK offenses	10 DFK & 8 IFK offenses (drop 1; add 1)
Only referee decides on Persistent Infringement (PI)	In addition to PI, all DFK fouls are tallied as "Accumulated Fouls"; at 6 and more Accumulated Fouls, no wall and kick from 2 nd Penalty Mark
10 yards required on free kicks	16' (5m) required on free kicks
Unlimited fouling per team	5 DFK fouls per team per half, afterwards kicks from 2 nd Penalty Mark
Always may form a defensive wall	No wall allowed after 5 DFK fouls in a half
Shoulder charge allowed	No deliberate charging allowed (DFK foul); Unintentional incidental shoulder contact allowed
Slide Tackling allowed	No slide tackles of opponent with ball except by GK in PA (USFF)
Throw-in	Kick-in
Goal kick by any defender	Goal Clearance by Goalkeeper only
No absolute time limit to restart play	4 second rule on all restarts
6 seconds on GK release from hands	4 seconds on GK release from possession, hands and feet
Keeper after releasing ball may use feet in & outside penalty area	Keeper restricted on contact with ball in defensive half after releasing it

Note: The above comparison is for the full size, adult game. Changes to pitch size, goal size, ball size, substitutions and duration may be made for youth players, women players, players over 35 years old and disabled players.