

Very Simplified Futsal Laws – 2023

The game is comprised of two (2) equal 20 minute halves for 15U and older – may be shorter for younger players.

- Each team is allowed a single one minute TIME-OUT per half
- Time-outs are granted only when the team making the request has possession of the ball for a restart

Kick-off:

- All players must be in their own half, except the player performing the kick-off
- Defenders must be a minimum of 3 meters away (outside center circle)
- The ball must be stationary in the center
- The referee gives a signal (whistle or verbal “play”)
- The ball is in play when it is kicked and clearly moves. (The ball no longer must go forward.)
- A **goal may NOT be scored directly** from a kick-off. (Changed by USFF.)

Kick-ins (following the ball exiting the court across a touchline):

- Kick-ins must be taken at the point where the ball crossed the touchline
- **The ball must be placed on the touchline and made still before kicking in**
- The ball may be played to the goalkeeper, but the goalkeeper may not play it with hands

Goal Clearance, a.k.a. Keeper Throw (following the ball crossing the goal line last touched by an attacker):

- The goalkeeper must throw or roll the ball from inside (anywhere inside) the penalty area
- The goalkeeper who threw the ball, may not touch the ball again (with hands, feet, head or any part of the body) in the defensive half until it has been touched by an opponent.

Goalkeeper:

- May not play the ball with the hands when intentionally passed back from the foot of a teammate.
- Following a save and distributing the ball, may not touch the ball again (with hands, feet, head or any part of the body) in the defensive half until it has been touched by an opponent.

Opponents must be a minimum of 5 meters from all direct free kicks, indirect free kicks, penalty kicks and corner kicks and a minimum of 3 meters from kick-offs. Opponents must be a minimum of 3 meters from kick-ins. (Changed by USFF.)

Fouls: ALL OUTDOOR SOCCER FOULS APPLY, PLUS the following are also fouls:

- **Slide tackling an opponent** who has clear possession of the ball (except for the goalkeeper in his/her own penalty area).
- **Charging an opponent**, including shoulder-to-shoulder charging. Unavoidable shoulder-to-shoulder contact is allowed provided, in the opinion of the referees:
 - Both are simply playing for the ball and the contact is because of that fact, not because of one intending to initiate the contact with the other, and
 - The contact is not deemed as careless, as reckless or as using excessive force by the referees.
- **Blocking an opponent**, which will be viewed as impeding. (Changed by NAFL.)

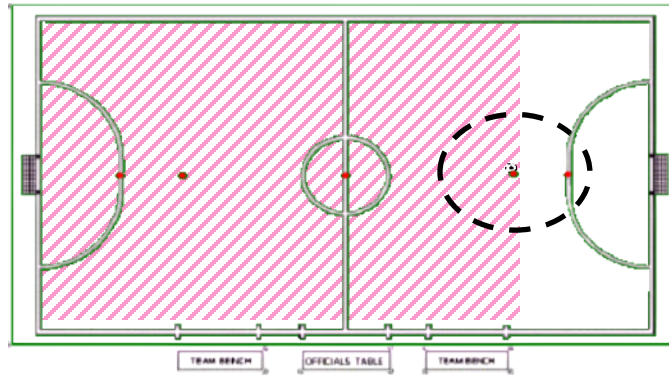
All DIRECT FREE KICK FOULS are ACCUMULATED FOULS, including DFK fouls when advantage is used regardless of whether the advantage is realized or not.

Any INDIRECT FREE KICK MAY be opposed with a WALL

The first five (5) DIRECT FREE KICK FOULS MAY be opposed with a WALL

Beginning with the sixth ACCUMULATED FOUL by a team, not only is NO WALL ALLOWED, all players (excluding the defending goalkeeper) must be even with or behind the ball and outside the penalty area, and at least 5 meters from the ball until the ball is kicked. The kicker must shoot directly on goal and the goalkeeper must be in his/her penalty area.

- If the 6th + foul by a team is committed in the area between the second penalty spot in team's defensive end and the opponent's goal line, the free kick is taken from the second penalty spot in team's defensive end.



- If the 6th + foul by a team is committed in the area between the second penalty spot in team's defensive end and the team's goal line but not inside the Penalty Area, the free kick may be taken from where the foul occurred or from the second penalty spot in team's defensive end. (If the foul is committed in the Penalty Area, it is a regular Penalty Kick.)

