

LUNCHTIME SOCIAL SPORT

Indoor Soccer Rules

Laws of the Game: Futsal

- Please refer to FIFA 2008 Futsal Laws of the Game and FIFA 2008 Questions and Answers to the Futsal Laws of the Game <http://www.fifa.com/aboutfifa/developing/futsal/lawsofthegame.html>

Rules to note:

- Goal Keepers
 - A 'Goal Kick' can only be taken by throwing the ball
 - The ball must not pass half way, without touching another player first. If it does, a free kick will be awarded.
 - Goal Keepers may play the ball with their feet back into the field of play if the ball is in play or they have received a back pass.
- Kick Off
 - Teams can score from the Kick Off.
- Slide Tackles are not permitted.

Modifications

Ratios

- For 'open' indoor soccer competitions, both males and females may compete with no set ratios of males to females on court
- For 'mixed' indoor soccer competitions, there MUST be a minimum of 2 females on court at all times

Team size

- Teams will consist of at least 5 registered players (max. 10)
- There must be at least 3 players on the court to begin a match
- All players must be registered and Only registered players may play for your team
- Teams are required to provide uniforms or matching coloured shirts. The goalie should wear a shirt that is identifiable from their teammates.
- Registered players must play 3 rounds before they can take the court in the finals.

Match Duration

- Matches consist of 2 x 10 minute halves (unless specified by the competition administrator)
- The length of matches may be extended for Finals games
 - Extra time will include 5 minutes with golden goal rule applying
 - If scores are still tied after extra time a penalty shootout will occur. Penalties will be taken from the center of the basketball free throw line as marked on the courts

Court boundaries

- The field dimensions are the same as for Netball i.e. 30m x 15m
- Keeper's boundary consists of the Netball goal area

Stoppages

- To stop play the umpire must blow the whistle and signal to the timekeeper
- When a player is injured or ill, stoppage of up to 2 minutes is allowed
- The umpire shall blow the whistle to restart play and the game is continued from the spot where play was stopped

Blood rule

- Any player with visible blood or bleeding on their clothing or person must be substituted immediately, and may not return until the umpire is satisfied that the bleeding has stopped. The umpire will stop play to allow for teams to make a substitution

Substitutions

- Unlimited, but must occur during a break in play

Referees

- During pool matches, one referee will be assigned per game
- In grand finals a referee and touch line referee will be assigned
- Referees discretion on calls will be final and any misconduct on decisions can result in offending players being asked to leave the court
- Use of Yellow & Red Cards in Matches
 - The use of Yellow & Red Cards is at the discretion of the referee
 - Their decision is final and cannot be overturned
 - If a player is shown a yellow card, they must leave the field for a period of TWO minutes.
 - The player (or a team mate) may return to the playing area in the following circumstances:
 - The TWO minutes has elapsed, and they are signaled by the referee to return to the field
 - The Opposition scores before the TWO minutes have elapsed and ONLY IF the Opposition held a numerical advantage during that TWO minutes.
 - If the Non offending team also had a player off the field due to receiving a Yellow card, the offending player (or team mate) cannot return until after the full TWO minutes have elapsed
 - If a player is shown a red card, they must leave the field for the remaining duration of the match.
 - A team mate may return to the field in the circumstances as applicable to Yellow Cards.

Any abuse or gross misconduct directed at referees or other players will result in exclusion from the game, loss of deposit and possible suspension of the team from the competition.

Finals (Open Soccer Competition)

- After all normal rounds of games are played, the top 4 teams according to overall record will proceed through to play in a single elimination tournament to decide which team is the overall winner of that day's competition. This final round tournament is played in Week 13 (or Week 12 for Friday Competitions).
- In the event that two or more teams are tied on points:
 - The team with the greater for and against will be ranked higher; if this is equal
 - The team with the greater goals (points) scored will be ranked higher; if this is equal
 - The team with the most wins will be ranked higher; if this is equal
 - The head to head results between the teams will determine the rank (when only two teams are tied).
- Each day's winners will proceed through to play in a single elimination tournament to decide which team is the overall winner of the 'open' soccer competition. This final round tournament is played on the Friday in Week 13

Finals (Mixed Soccer Competition)

- After all normal rounds of games are played, the top 4 teams according to overall record will proceed through to play in a single elimination tournament to decide which team is the overall winner of the competition. This final round tournament is played in Week 13.
- In the event that two or more teams are tied on points:
 - The team with the greater for and against will be ranked higher; if this is equal
 - The team with the greater goals (points) scored will be ranked higher; if this is equal
 - The team with the most wins will be ranked higher; if this is equal
 - The head to head results between the teams will determine the rank (when only two teams are tied).