

Team Sports - Senior Soccer Rules

INTERPRETATION

The FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game shall apply for Futsal competitions unless otherwise provided for in these rules.

TO PLAY

A team must have a minimum of three players entered on a scoresheet who are ready to take the court at the commencement of the game.

In cases where teams fall under the minimum number of players (three) due to disciplinary action, the game shall be abandoned. If injury causes a team to fall below three players, the game is held until the team can field the minimum numbers.

In cases of abandoned matches, please refer to section 15 in the Team Sports By-laws.

SUBSTITUTIONS

A player may only take the court in the second half of play if he/she is included on the scoresheet before half time and has played during the first half of the game.

Substitutions of field players can be made at any time during a game. Goalkeeper substitutions can only be made when there is a stoppage in play and when the team who is making the change is in possession of the ball. Either team can change goalkeepers after a goal is scored.

Substitutions must be made at the interchange area (middle third of the pitch between white lines). The process of making substitutions is to allow the player leaving the field to exit through the interchange area before the new player enters through the same area.

Failure to make substitutions correctly will result in a direct free kick from the white line within the team's attacking third, unless the ball is already located in a more advantageous area.

FILL INS

Teams may use 'fill-in' players. A 'fill-in' is a player already registered in a particular competition who is asked by another team in the same competition to 'fill-in'. A 'fill-in' can only play:

- For a grade same or higher.
- A maximum of two games (Junior competitions) and three games (Senior competitions) for any particular team. Should a 'fill-in' reach this number they are required to choose one team only in which to qualify for finals and may not 'fill-in' for the other team for the remainder of the season.

The usual uniform penalties apply for each 'fill-in' that takes part in the game. The names of these players must be recorded on the scoresheet.

UNIFORMS

All players in each team are required to present themselves in conforming uniforms for each match.

All players must wear the same coloured shirt with a number on the back of the shirt.

As jewellery is not considered part of the uniform, it may not be worn. Items that are dangerous must not be worn. The only exception to this ruling is a Medic Alert Bracelet, which must be taped (apart from the information plate).

GAME TIMES

All games will be played on a time limit of 40 minutes playing time with two x 18 minute halves with a two minute half time break.

Game times are:

- 6.20pm, 7.00pm, 7.40pm, 8.20pm, 9.00pm

These times may be altered according to the requirements of the competition.

START TIMES

The game shall start on the exact time given in the fixtures. Games that do not have either receipts or enough players from both teams at the start time shall not commence until this is so, however the clock will commence at the stipulated time. The opposing team shall be awarded penalty goals accruing at a rate of one goal per two minutes of game time. After ten minutes, the game shall be declared a forfeit.

FORFEITS

In the event of a forfeit, the non-offending team shall receive a credit unless they take part in a scratch match or practice session. The non-offending team will receive a score of 5-0.

PENALTIES

Late Penalties

If a team has less than the minimum required players to start the match, then for every two minutes that play is late commencing, the opposing team will be awarded one goal, up until the ten minutes has expired. If a team does not have the minimum required players on court and ready to play within ten minutes of the scheduled starting time, it shall lose the match on a forfeit.

Uniform penalties

Teams will be given three weeks to conform to the uniform requirements. After three weeks, if teams are not in conforming uniforms, they will be penalised one goal per person out of uniform.

FUTSAL RULES

1. The playing area is as designated by the Centre with a semi circle defining the goal box area.
2. Teams may be of any number, however only 5 are allowed on the playing area at one time, one of which must be the goalkeeper.
3. Interchanges may be made at any time during the game as long as there are a maximum of 5 players per team on the field at any one time. Referees do not need to be notified for interchanges. More than 5 players on the field could lead to a penalty or other direct free kick being awarded to the opposition, at the referee's discretion.
4. Any stoppage is at the referee's discretion.
5. Should the ball cross the side line, it is an indirect free kick to the opposition from the point it crossed the line.
6. Slide tackles are not allowed. Infringement of this rule will result in a free kick to the opposition.
7. Players may not play the ball unless upright. Infringement of this rule will result in an indirect free kick to the opposition.
8. The keeper cannot kick or throw the ball over the halfway line on the full. The exception is if a save is being made. Infringement of this rule will result in a free kick to the opposition from the point where it crossed the halfway line.
9. Players have four seconds to play the ball after a free kick is awarded or the advantage will be reversed. Referees are encouraged to warn players when they are nearing their four second restriction before issuing any free kicks to the opposition.
10. The goalkeeper has four seconds to get the ball back into play once he/she has possession or a free kick will be awarded to the opposition. Referees are encouraged to warn players when they are nearing their four second restriction before issuing any free kicks to the opposition.
11. Free kicks are ALL direct except from the halfway line and side lines, or when playing the ball in any other position than upright.
12. The opposition must stand at least 2.5m from the ball for all free kicks. Should the opposition player stand too close the free kick may be advanced or a yellow card may be issued.
13. If a free kick is awarded with a goal scoring opportunity before time expires and the siren sounds before the free kick is taken, the team will be allowed to take the free kick on the condition that it is taken within the four second limit. Only one touch of the ball is allowed for the free kick, any touch from the attacking team thereafter ends the play. If the free kick is scored off the one touch the goal will count.
14. The referee will indicate an area (roughly 1m) in which players are allowed to perform a run up to take a penalty kick.
15. There is no offside rule and no throw-ins.
16. Referees may allow play to continue rather than award a free kick for an infringement of any of the rules if they feel an advantage is gained by the non offending team. This is solely at the referee's discretion.

17. Spectators/players are expected to respect all referees and players. Harassing, abusing or arguing with the referee will not be tolerated. Referees can issue a red/yellow card in these circumstances and award a penalty to the opposition. Continuing harassment etc. will be severely dealt with by Centre Management.

SUSPENSIONS

A yellow card results in a two minute suspension from the game during which the player may not be substituted. The referee will indicate when the player can return to the game which will be during a stoppage in play.

A red card results in suspension from the rest of the game during which time the player may not be substituted. The offending player also suffers a ban from the team's next game. Two red cards in a season will result in reporting to Centre management and a possible tribunal hearing.

All other rules are as per FIFA football rules of play.

FINALS

In the event there is a draw at the end of a finals match, the teams will play one round of five minutes with a toss to determine ends. If, at the end of overtime there is still a draw, the teams will go to penalty shootout, with the winner being the team who scores the most goals from five attempts. If there is still a draw, they will go to sudden death (goal for goal), where the winner will be the team who scores the first goal unmatched by the other team. Each player must only have one attempt at the penalty shootout until all other players on the team have had an attempt.

APPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR

The City of Joondalup Leisure Centres has a no tolerance policy in regards to the use of abusive or inappropriate language, violence and misconduct from players and/or spectators. A breach of these rules will result in a technical foul, with a repeat offence resulting in the player and/or spectator being asked to leave the Centre. This may also result in a player and/or spectator appearing before the tribunal panel. This ruling is based on the judgment of the Sport Supervisor.