



Augusta Futsal @ The Kroc Center Rules

Leave your understanding of soccer/futbol at the door. This is Futsal. It is about foot skills, not about being physical. Futsal is called a lot tighter than soccer/futbol. So to help with your transition into this fast paced game, here is an info sheet for you to get to your team.

1. Players must be registered with U.S Futsal in order to play.
2. You **MUST** have 3 players to start and continue a match.
3. Players must wear proper attire Shin guards, Long socks, **Jersey with number**, Shorts and proper non-marking soled shoes.
4. Vulgar Language is not tolerated. This is a cautionable offence
5. Players must not treat the referees or officials in any way that isn't respectful.
6. NO SLIDE –TACKLING (Sliding to keep a ball where no player is near is acceptable)
7. Players must be registered at the start of the season or play at least 50% of the season in order to play in the post-season playoffs.
8. One red card is an automatic one game suspension. Player will leave the Kroc Center Property immediately if a Red Card is issued.
9. 5 yellow cards in a season will lead to a one game suspension.
10. If a player gets 3 red cards in one season they will not be able to play until the following season.
11. Fighting we lead to automatic explosion. 0% tolerance.
12. **Substitutions:** Substitutions, including for the goalkeeper, are allowed on the fly except during a time-out. Substitutions **MUST** occur in the substitution zone. At the Kroc Center this is defined by the lines that define the basketball 3-second zone in front of each bench. The player must exist at the substitution zone before the substitute can enter from the substitution zone. Penalty: Caution.
13. **Duration of the Game:** Two 20-minute halves. USFF Laws indicate that the clock stops every time the ball is out of play. This can be adjusted by local rule. Due to time constraints, the Kroc Center plays a running 20 minutes except during that last 2 minutes of the match if the goal difference between the 2 teams is 0 or 1. If the score differs by 1 or 0 goals, then the clock is stopped every time the ball goes out of play. Once the score differs by 2 or more, the clock runs continuously until the difference again becomes 1 or 0
14. We play Two 20 minute half's with a 2 minute halftime. If a game ends in a tie in the regular season it remains a tie. 2 two Minute halves will be overtime if tied in the playoffs. If still tied there will be a PK shootout.

15. Game Clock WILL start at advertised time. Every 3 minutes that a team is not present, 1 point will be added to the scoresheet. Once the score has reached 5 (15minutes) the game will forfeit. 3 players are required to start a game.
16. Each team is allowed one 1-minute time out each half. An unused time-out in the first half cannot be used in the second half. A time-out can be called when the ball is out of play and only for the team owning the restart.
17. **The Start of Play:** a kickoff is indirect in Futsal. A goal cannot be scored directly from a kickoff as with soccer/futbol. Opposing players must be 10' from the ball. At the Kroc Center, that is behind the white line. **ALL RESTARTS** are to be done within 4 seconds of being ready to do so. Any delays in retrieving the ball for tactical reasons, will result in the 4 second count being started.
18. **Kick-ins:** a kick-in is to restart play when the ball goes over the touch line. Similar to a throw-in, both feet must be on or behind the line. The kick-in is taken from the spot it went out. The ball can be set on the touch line or within 25 cm from the touch line (about the width of the ball). All opponents must be 15 feet from the ball.
19. **Free-kicks:** all opponents must be at least 15 feet from the ball.
20. **Fouls:** direct free kick fouls are cumulative fouls. On a team's 6th foul and subsequent fouls in each half, the opponent gets an accumulated foul penalty kick from the second penalty spot. Or, if the foul occurred between the penalty area and the second penalty spot, the team can elect to take the free kick from the spot of the foul. All players except for the kicker must be behind and at least 15 feet from the ball. The goalkeeper does not have to stay on the goal line. The kicker must take a shot on goal.
21. **The Goal Clearance:** there are no goal kicks in Futsal. Instead there is a goal clearance. The goalkeeper uses his hands to put the ball back into play. The goalkeeper has 4 seconds to put the ball in play after being ready to do so. Any delays for tactical reasons will activate the 4 seconds. The goalkeeper throws the ball from any point inside the penalty area. The ball is in play when it exits the penalty area. The goalkeeper cannot touch the ball a second time until it is touched by another player.
22. **Goalkeeper Restrictions:** the goalkeeper cannot control the ball in his own half of the court for more than 4 seconds. After playing the ball, he cannot receive the ball directly from a team-mate, in his own half of the pitch until an opponent touches the ball
23. This is Augusta Futsal @ the Kroc center. We aim to provide a safe and fun environment to play the beautiful game.
24. We play by the FIFA Futsal Laws of the game. Available at:

<http://www.fifa.com/aboutfifa/footballdevelopment/technicalsupport/futsal/lawsofthegame.html>

with U.S.Futsal By-Laws which are available at:

<http://www.futsal.com/index.php/by-laws-of-us-futsal->