

Nike Futsal Championship Rules - 2016

- Age Groups
 - U10-U11, U12-13, U14-U15, U16-17, and U18-U19 Boys and Girls
- Roster Size
 - Maximum 10 players
- Match Rules
 - Game is played with two teams of 5 players each, one of whom must be a goalkeeper.
 - No offsides in futsal
 - 2 x 22 minute halves with 5-minute halftime
 - ****Major Rule Change:** The GK will be allowed to play ball an unlimited amount of times to help team keep possession even if opponent has not touched the ball; 11v11 soccer rules apply to GK on a pass from teammate.
- Player/Double Rostering – Goalkeepers only
 - A team created from an outdoor team that split into two or more futsal teams can share/borrow a goalkeeper for both teams – goalkeeper can be double rostered.
- Team Colors
 - Home Team → White or lighter color jersey
 - Away Team → Darker color jersey
- Kickoff
 - Home team kicks-off 1st half; Visitor kicks-off 2nd half
 - All opponents must be at least 3 meters from the kick off
 - Ball must move forward
 - A goal may not be scored directly from a kickoff
- Forfeited games
 - After 5-minute grace period, the game will be tallied as a 4-0 result.
- Equipment – MANDATORY
 - Shin guards
 - Footwear – Indoor flat soled shoes, indoor soccer shoes, or tennis shoes with soles of rubber or similar material. **NO CLEATS ALLOWED.**
- Distribution from Goalkeeper
 - Goalkeeper can NOT throw ball into opponent's box, but can throw over half line
 - Can NOT drop-kick or punt ball
- Substitutions - Substitutions made “on the fly”
 - The substitution must be made via substitution zone at mid court
 - The player being substituted must completely leave the pitch through the zone before new player can enter the match; failure to do so will result in an indirect free kick taken from the place where the ball was located when the game was stopped.
- Ball out of play
 - A kick is awarded to the opposing team
 - All opponents must be 5 yards from the ball
 - The player performing the kick must have one foot off the field
 - The ball must be stationary
 - The ball must be placed on the line or one foot behind the line
 - The ball must be put into play within 4 seconds; failure to do so results in the ball being turned over.
 - A goal may not be scored directly from kick-in.

- Corner kick
 - Must be played within 4 seconds
- Goal Kick
 - Must be thrown in (outside of his penalty area) by Goalkeeper within 4 seconds
 - The ball can cross the mid line but cannot go into the opponent's box
- Indirect/Direct free kick
 - Players must be 5 yards from ball until played
 - Ball must be put into play within 4 seconds
- Penalty Kick
 - If a foul takes place inside the penalty area, a PK can be awarded and taken from the first penalty spot
- Competition format
 - Points
 - For each win: 3 points
 - For each tie: 1 point
 - For each loss: 0 points
 - Tie-breakers
 - A) Head to head
 - B) Greatest goal difference in all games, no max
 - C) Greatest number of goals scored in all games
 - D) Penalty kicks
 - If two or more teams are equal, start with Tiebreaker B
- Fouls Penalized with a Direct free kick
 - A foul is committed in a manner considered by the referee to be, careless, reckless or using excessive force
 - Direct free kick to be taken from place where foul is committed
 - Penalty Kick: if the above offences are committed by a player inside his/her penalty area
- Fouls penalized with an Indirect free kick
 - If a player impedes the progress of an opponent
 - A player prevents a goalkeeper from releasing the ball
 - A player plays in a dangerous manner
 - If the goalkeeper commits any of the following:
 - Goalkeeper controls the ball for more than 4 seconds with hands/feet
 - Goalkeeper touches the ball with hands after being kicked to him/her by a teammate
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- Accumulated fouls
 - Seventh accumulated foul
 - When there are seven fouls in one half, on the seventh foul, a direct free kick without a wall shall be taken from the second penalty mark.
 - It may be taken at the spot of the infringement
 - Player taking kick must be identified and be behind or in line with second penalty mark.
- Tournament Details
 - 3 games guaranteed, Championship games for qualified teams