

RWBL Winter Break Futsal Season 2018/19

PLAYING RULES

Futsal Rules

All Futsal Youth games should be played to FIFA Laws of the Game Futsal. To see the full Futsal Laws of the Game please visit www.TheFA.com or www.FIFA.com.

These adapted playing rules are only applicable in the RWBL Winter Break Futsal (and the Berkshire Futsal League), and it is important for players and teams to note that in other Futsal competitions they may be expected to play to the full FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game.

The following rules have been altered:

General Rules

1. Any situation not covered within these rules will automatically revert to either FIFAs Futsal Laws of the Game or where appropriate The FA Rules and Regulations.
2. All players, including goalkeepers, must wear shin-pads at all times when on the pitch.
3. A player must not use equipment or wear anything that is dangerous to himself or another player, including any kind of jewellery. Jewellery should be removed.
4. Players must wear appropriate flat-soled, non-marking footwear.

Duration of Play and Timeouts

1. All matches will last 40 mins (**x2 20 minutes halves**) and be played with a **running clock** whereby the clock will not be stopped whenever the ball goes out of play (this is different to a 'normal' Futsal game).
2. Half-time shall be 2 minutes.
3. No injury time to be added; Injured players to be substituted as soon as the injury permits.
4. Timeouts are not permitted in this format of Futsal.

Playing squad and Substitutions

5. Futsal is 5 v 5, and up to 12 players can be used in one match; there is no limit on how long a player must stay on or off the pitch. Substitutions may be made at any time whether the ball is in play or not, but Players must enter and leave the field of play from in front of the respective team's bench (the designated substitution zones).

Technical Rules

6. Futsal is played on a marked pitch and the ball can go out of play
7. There are no height restrictions but if the ball hits the ceiling it is out of play (see 8 below)
8. The ball must be placed stationary up to 25cm behind where the ball left the court or on the touchline and the feet of the player taking the kick-in must not cross the line
9. For kick-ins, free kicks, goal clearances and corner kicks the player in possession of the ball has 4 seconds to restart play which the referee will count with their fingers in the air. If play isn't restarted within four seconds an indirect free kick will be awarded to the opposing team. The goalkeeper is not allowed to control the ball for more than 4 seconds in his own half
10. Goal Clearances must be thrown out by the Goalkeeper from inside their handling area. However, if a Goalkeeper receives the ball from open-play, e.g. an opposition shot (but not a pass-back from a team-mate), he can distribute the ball by rolling it out, throwing it out, putting on floor and dribbling, or by kicking it out by drop-kick or fly-kick.
11. Players are required to keep 5m from the player in possession of the ball on free kicks, corners, goal clearances, kick-ins and penalties.
12. Goalkeepers are allowed to come out of and players are allowed to go into the penalty area.
13. An indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team if a goalkeeper commits any of the following four offences:
 - controls the ball with their hands or feet in their own half of the pitch for more than four seconds
 - after playing the ball, touches it again in his own half of the pitch after it has been deliberately kicked to them by a team-mate without an opponent playing or touching it
 - touches the ball with their hands inside their own penalty area after it has been

- deliberately kicked to them by a team-mate (passback)
 - touches the ball with their hands inside their own penalty area after they have received it directly from a kick-in by a team-mate (passback)
14. Sliding is allowed in Futsal and players are allowed to slide on the pitch, for example to stop the ball going out of play. Also, to intercept or block a pass.

Sliding Tackles are not recommended due to the risk of injury. If a referee deems the sliding tackle to be careless, a direct free kick shall be awarded. If a referee deems the sliding tackle to be reckless or with excessive force, a yellow card or red card may also be issued.

15. Goals may not be scored direct from the kick-off, and there are No Offsides.

Goals can not be scored directly from a kick-in: the goal is valid only if someone else touches the ball before it enters in goal.

Accumulated Fouls and Misconduct

16. Each team will be allowed to give away **5 direct free kicks** in each half of the game, the **sixth** foul results in a direct kick will be awarded to the opposing team and the defending team is not allowed to position any players (other than the goal keeper) between the ball and the goal. (In otherwords, No Wall). The kick may be taken from the 10m mark or, if the foul was committed closer to the goal than the 10m mark, then the kick may be taken from the position where the foul took place.
17. If a player is sent off then the team to which the player belongs must remain with 4 players until either two minutes have passed, or the opposition have scored a goal

Please Note:

All players must wear shin pads and trainers (No Boots) any player without the correct equipment will not be allowed to play.