

Decatur-DeKalb YMCA

Futsal Soccer Rules

General Rules:

U6 & U8 age groups:

- 4 players on the court, no goalkeepers
- Futsal Soccer Ball – size 3
- All games are 20 minute halves – running clock
- No offsides
- No referees – coaches will officiate

U10 & U12 age groups:

- 5 players on the court, which includes the goalkeeper
- Futsal Soccer Ball –size 4
- All games are 25 minutes halves – running clock
- No offsides
- All games will have a referee

U14 & U16/U18 age groups:

- 5 players on the court, which includes the goalkeeper
- Futsal Soccer Ball –size 4
- All games are 25 minutes halves – stopped clock
- No offsides
- All games will have a referee

Player Equipment:

- All players must wear shin guards.
- Players must wear flat soled tennis shoes. No black bottom soles.
- Players will not be allowed to wear any jewelry.
- Goal keepers must wear a different color shirt to distinguish themselves from the other players.

Substitutions:

- Substitutions will be made on the fly and are unlimited.
- Goalkeeper substitutions can only be made when the ball is out of play and the referee has given permission.

Out of Bounds:

- There are out-of-bounds on the sidelines and end lines, no using the walls.
- Balls out-of-bounds on the sidelines will be a kick –in to restart play.
- The ball will be placed on the sideline where it went out-of-bounds and the player will have 4 seconds to kick the ball back into play.
- All restart kick-ins will be indirect.
- Balls out-of-bounds on the end lines for the offensive will be a corner kick. Normal soccer rules apply.

- Balls out-of-bounds on the end line for the defense will be a goalie throw instead of a goal kick. The goal keeper is to throw the ball into play from inside the penalty area and the ball must touch something prior to crossing half court.
- Balls hitting the ceiling or lights is out of play. The play shall be restarted with a kick-in at the nearest touch line. The opposing team will take the kick-in.

Goal Keeper:

- The goal keeper may not use his/her hands outside their own penalty area.
- Keeper may not kick the ball after releasing it until another player has played it (no drop-kicks).
- The goal keeper will throw the ball in place of a goal kick. The ball must touch either a player or the floor prior to crossing half court.
- The ball is not in play until it clears the penalty area. If the ball is received inside the penalty area, then the goalie throw is taken again.

Start of Games:

- Due to time constraints all games *must* begin and end as scheduled. Please have your team on the floor and ready to play at the scheduled time.
- If a team must wait for players, the game will be shortened accordingly to end at the scheduled time.
- A team may start a game one player down.
- There will be no overtime.
- Scores and win-loss records will not be kept.
- All players must play half of the game.