



## **MODIFIED FUTSAL RULES | 2019**

### **1. League Format**

- a. The league will consist of divisions of 12 teams.
- b. Season will be 8 games long plus playoffs
  - i. Playoffs will consist of the top 4 teams from each division
  - ii. Playoffs will be played in a bracket format with matches being decided by ranking.
- c. The max goal differential is +/- 5 per game, and should be recorded as such by captains

### **2. Equipment**

- a. A size 4 futsal ball will be used for all games.

### **3. Game Time, Over time, Shoot Outs**

- a. Games will consist of 2 periods of 25 minutes.
- b. Time will be kept by a central scoreboard or a referee
  - i. Game clocks are only stopped in the event of a serious injury.
  - ii. All stoppages of play are at the referees discretion.
- c. Game clocks will be extended for the completion or retaking of a penalty shot taken from either the first or second penalty spot
- d. Overtime for playoff games will consist of 1 period of 5 minutes
  - i. This period is golden goal, first goal scored, will be declared winner
  - ii. If no goal is scored in the 5 minute period, penalty kicks will decide the winner.
- e. Penalty kicks for playoff games will be a best of 5.
  - i. Players on the field at the end of overtime are eligible shooters.
  - ii. Kicks will be taken from the second penalty spot..

- iii. If no winner is decided after a first round of 5, the first team to miss loses.



#### **4. Substitutions**

- a. All substitutions occur from the substitution area.
- b. Unlimited substitutions

#### **5. Fouls, Discipline, Appeals**

- a. Slide Tackling is not allowed. Sliding to keep a ball in play is allowed. Sliding penalties are indirect kicks and at the discretion of the referee.
- b. Opponents must be a minimum of 10 feet (3 yards/meters) from all direct free kicks, indirect free kicks, kick-ins and corner kick restarts.
- c. Fouls are penalised with a direct free kick, penalty kick or indirect free kick.
  - i. The following are examples of accumulated fouls. They are penalised with a direct kick. If they occur inside the penalty area they are penalised with a penalty kick.
    - 1. Kicks or attempts to kick an opponent
    - 2. Tripping an opponent.
    - 3. Jumps at an opponent.
    - 4. Charges an opponent.

5. Strikes or attempting to strike an opponent.
  6. Pushes an opponent.
  7. Tackles an opponent.
  8. Handles the ball deliberately (unless the player is the goalkeeper)
  9. Holds an opponent.
  10. Spits at an opponent.
- ii. The following situations are examples of fouls that are penalised by indirect free kicks.
1. If the goalkeeper does any of the following.
    - a. Controls the ball with his hands or feet in his own half of the pitch for more than four seconds.
    - b. Touches the ball with his hands inside his own penalty area after it has been deliberately kicked to him by a team-mate
    - c. Touches the ball with his hands inside his own penalty area after he has received it directly from a kick-in by a team-mate
  2. If a player on the field commits one of the following.
    - a. plays in a dangerous manner in the presence of an opponent
    - b. impedes the progress of an opponent
    - c. prevents the goalkeeper from releasing the ball from his hands
    - d. commits against a team-mate one of the nine offences penalised with a direct free kick if they are committed against an opponent
- iii. Accumulated Fouls
1. Accumulated fouls are reset at the end of each period. After the 5th accumulated foul in a period the following can occur, and will occur for each accumulated foul after the 6th accumulated foul.
    - i. The player taking the free kick kicks the ball with the intention of scoring a goal and may not pass the ball to a team-mate
    - ii. Once the free kick has been taken, no player may touch the ball until it has been touched by the defending goalkeeper, rebounded off one

of the goalposts or the crossbar, or left the pitch

- iii. If a player commits his team's sixth accumulated foul in the opposing team's half, the free kick is taken from the second penalty mark.
  - iv. If a player commits his team's sixth accumulated foul in his own half of the pitch, the attacking team decides whether to take it from the second penalty mark or the place where the infringement occurred
  - v. Beginning with the sixth accumulated foul, additional time is allowed to take a direct free kick at the end of each half or at the end of each period of extra time
2. If extra time is played, accumulated fouls from the second period continue to accumulate during extra time.

d. Discipline

- i. Discipline will be at the discretion of the official. Certain actions will be cause for immediate cards and ejections.
  1. Fighting will result in an immediate red for all parties involved.
  2. Being issued a second yellow card will result in a red card being shown.
  3. Players who have been issued a red card are required to leave the area of play, not just the field. (e.g If the game is in a stadium, the player is required to leave the stadium.)
- ii. Card accumulation, suspensions and fines will be handled as follows:
  1. If a player accumulates 5 yellow cards in the first 10 games they will be suspended for 1 regular season game. Cards do not accumulate during playoffs.
    - a. There will be no fine for accumulation.
    - b. Accumulation suspensions will not carry over into playoffs.
  2. If a player is shown 2 yellows during a single game they will be issued a red card and are suspended for the remainder of that game. Their team will also be unable to replace the player.

- a. A team can only be reduced to 7 players. If they are reduced below 7 players, the game is ended and a forfeit by that team is recorded.
  - b. There is no fine for a red card that is the result of a second yellow. There is also mandatory suspension for a future game.
    - i. This is at the referee's discretion as well as the disciplinary board. If the second yellow is for a violent, or bodily fluid based offense additional suspensions could apply.
3. If a straight red is shown to a player they will be required to leave the field of play and the area immediately. Their team will be required to play down a player. They will automatically receive a minimum 1 game suspension. If the red card is issued for violent conduct the following fines and suspensions apply.
- a. All fines, suspensions and bans go through a disciplinary panel that include, the officials of the game, the assigner, the commissioner for the division, head of communications and the vice president and president of the league. **We take violent, racism, and hateful speech offenses very seriously.**
    - i. Red cards issued for violence, racism or hateful speech will follow the following discipline structure.
      1. First offense will be a fine of \$100 and a minimum 2 game suspension.
      2. Second offense will be a fine of \$200 and a minimum 4 game suspension.
      3. Third offense will be a fine of \$300 and a minimum suspension of 1 season with a maximum penalty of lifetime ban.
    - ii. Red cards issued for reckless or dangerous play will be assessed the following discipline structure.
      1. First offense - one game suspension, no fine.
      2. Second offense - minimum 1 game suspension, no fine.

3. Third offense - minimum 2 game suspension, \$100.00 fine.
4. Subsequent offenses after a third offense can result in a minimum ban of 1 season, up to a lifetime ban.

e. Appeals

- i. In the event of a disagreement with the issuance of a card follow the below procedure.
  1. Appeals must be filed within 24 hours of the final whistle of the game. After 24 hours appeals will not be heard. The ref's decision will stand.
  2. Email the division commissioner with the following information.
    - a. Name of the official
    - b. Game time, opponent, location
    - c. Brief description of the incident.
    - d. A good time to reach you and a valid phone number.
  3. Final say on the appeal will be administered within 5 days. After the decision has been made, and fines must be paid before that player can play again. They must also serve out their suspension before playing again for any team in CASA.

f. Suspensions

- i. A player who is issued a red card will be suspended immediately from participation in the league the card was issued from. They must serve their suspension before being allowed to participate in any games for the league the suspension was issued from.
  1. If a Primera player receives a red card suspension they may not play in a different division while suspended.
- ii. A player with an appeal for a red card will have the following options.
  1. If the appeal isn't met with a verdict within the 5 day window, the player may play under the knowledge they could still be suspended for a future game.
- iii. A suspended player who is found to be playing while under suspension will be assessed the following penalties.
  1. First Offense - an additional 1 game suspension.
  2. Second Offense - a minimum of an additional 2 games to a maximum of an additional 5 games.



3. Third offense - Minimum of 5 additional games up to a full season.
- iv. A player will not be able to play after being suspended if there is an outstanding fine for their card.



## 6. Kick-Ins and Kick off

### a. Kick-ins

- i. Will be used to restart play in the following situations. They must be taken within 4 seconds. If there is a failure to play the ball within 4 seconds the opposing team receives control of the ball.
  1. A ball goes out of bounds on either touchline.
    - a. The ball must be played within 10 inches of where the ball left the field of play.
  2. A ball goes out of bounds on either endline for a goal kick.
  3. A ball goes out of bounds on either endline for a corner kick.
    - a. If the ball isn't played in 4 seconds, the ball is given to the opposing team for a goal kick.
- ii. If the ball hits the ceiling while in play, the game is restarted with a kick-in taken by the opponents of the team that last touched the

ball. The kick-in is taken from the point on the touch line nearest to the place on the ground above which the ball hit the ceiling

b. Kick Off

- i. All players must be within their defensive half
- ii. Ball must be stationary
- iii. Game is started at the referee's whistle.
- iv. Ball can be played in any direction.
- v. A goal may not be scored directly off the kick-off.

**7. Goalkeepers**

a. Kick-in taken by the goalkeeper

- i. If the ball is in play and the goalkeeper deliberately handles the ball before it has touched another player:
  1. a direct free kick is awarded to the opposing team if the infringement occurred outside the goalkeeper's penalty area, to be taken from the place where the infringement occurred
  2. an indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team if the infringement occurred inside the goalkeeper's penalty area, to be taken from the penalty area line at the point nearest to where the infringement occurred
- ii. Each time that a team's goalkeeper is in possession of the ball while it is in play and in his own half of the pitch, one of the referees must visibly perform the four-second count.
- iii. Goalkeeper releasing the ball
  1. One of the referees must take a position in line with the edge of the penalty area and check that the goalkeeper does not touch the ball with his hands outside the penalty area, while also timing the number of seconds he is in possession of the ball. Once the goalkeeper has released the ball, the referee must take a suitable position for controlling the match.
- iv. The goalkeeper may not throw the ball over mid court in the air.
- v. The goalkeeper may not punt or dropkick the ball to put the ball back into play.

b. Goal Clearance

- i. The ball is thrown from any point inside the penalty area by the goalkeeper of the defending team
- ii. The goalkeeper of the defending team takes the goal clearance within four seconds of being ready to do so
- iii. The ball is in play when it is thrown directly out of the penalty area by the goalkeeper of the defending team



