



## FUTSAL ESCOCIA YOUTH SUMMER LEAGUE

### FOOTBALL/FUTSAL RULES 2021

The FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game have been slightly adapted to suit youth futsal and to make an easy transition between football and futsal.

#### **The Ball**

- Liga 4 matches will be played with a size 3 football. Liga 1-3 matches will play with a size 4.

#### **The Pitch**

- Matches are played on astroturf and football boots are to be worn. The pitch will be the length of the 18 yard box (44 yards) and about 24 yards wide.

#### **Team Rules**

- A maximum of 10 players (9 advised) can be used in any match with 5 on the pitch at any time. Each Player should wear shinpads.

Bibs will be used in an event of a colour clash.

#### **Start of Play**

- At the start of play and after each goal, centre is taking. Only 1 player is required. The ball must go back at centre. No shooting direct from kick off.

#### **Substitutions**

- Subs can be made at any time. Players must enter and leave the field of play from the defending half of the pitch. **A player cannot enter the field of play until the player coming off has left the field.**

#### **Retreat Line**

- Liga 4 only. Once the goalkeeper has the ball, the opposing team must retreat behind the markers 12 yards back. Should the keeper wish to play quickly and counter-attack before the team retreats they can do so. Teams are to retreat asap.

#### **Kick-ins**

- Kick-ins should be taken as near to where the ball left the field of play as possible.
- The ball must be stationary before the kick in is taken.

- Once the ball is in the players possession, they have 4 seconds to take the kick in. Should the player take longer than the allocated 4 seconds a kick-in is awarded to the opposing team.
- Opposing players must be 5 metres back from the player taking the kick-in.
- Goals cannot be scored from a kick-in.

### **Corners**

- As per a kick-in the player has 4 seconds once in possession of the ball. Opposing players must be 5 metres from the kicker.
- Goals can be scored from corners.

### **Goalkeepers**

- Goalkeepers are allowed out the penalty area but cannot handle the ball out of the penalty area.
- All goal kicks should be thrown or rolled out by hand. GK cannot kick from hand at any time.
- The keeper has 4 seconds for any goal kick once in possession of the ball.
- Unfortunately, there is no pitch markings for the keepers. Common sense should come into play with the size of the keepers box.

### **Back Passes**

- Pass backs cannot be picked up
- An indirect free kick will be awarded for any deliberate pass back picked up
- For the summer leagues we will permit **unlimited use** of the keeper for pass backs.

### **Accumulated Fouls**

- Each team will be allowed to give away 5 direct free kicks per half. On the 6th direct free kick and any foul thereafter a penalty will be awarded to the opposing team.

### **Penalties**

- Any foul in the penalty area is awarded with a penalty kick. The goalkeeper must remain on the line for the penalty and all players behind the penalty taker.

### **Match Duration**

- Matches will be 2 x 20 minute halves.

TEAMS ARE TO SWAP ENDS AT HALF TIME. SUBS ARE STILL TO BE MADE IN THE DEFENDING HALF.

### **Head Height**

- There is no head height restrictions, however, teams are encouraged to play with the ball on the ground as much as possible.

### **Uneven matches**

- If there is 5 goals between the teams, teams can add a player (losing) or remove a player (winning). We recommend removing a player and keeping players on the court for reduced times. Please report any massive differences in teams for restructuring over the festive period.

### **Cautions**

- During the tournament I'd ask for all coaches to remove any player guilty of a bad challenge or foul language. Yellow or reds cards should not be necessary and have a common-sense approach to each game.

## **Coaches Check List**

- Match Ball
- Bibs for substitutes (event of a colour clash)
- Arrive 15 minutes prior to kick off
- Follow venues guidelines
- Sanitise hands at the sanitising stations
- Adhere to allocated fixture times
- All players to wear football boots and shinpads
- ENJOY THE MATCHES, RESPECT YOUR OPPONENT
- Home team to input match result to Russell