



FUTSAL ESCOCIA YOUTH WINTER LEAGUE

FUTSAL RULES 2022/23

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 3-7 matches will be played with a size 3 futsal. These will be left at each venue. Please ensure they remain at the venue at the end of the match and day. Liga 1-2 matches will be played with a size 4 ball.

The Pitch

- Matches are played indoors on a hardcourt surface and trainers are to be worn. No football boots are permitted.

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. Can each team please bring their own bibs.

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.**

Tip: give the subs bibs to hand over to the player coming off the court.

Retreat Line

- Liga 5-7 only. Once the goalkeeper has the ball, the opposing team must retreat behind the red line a third of the court away. Should the keeper wish to play quickly and counter-attack before the team retreats they can do so. Teams are to retreat asap. Liga 1-4 no retreat lines.

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.
- **NEW RULE - Liga 7 teams can dribble in from where the ball has gone out of play**

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.
- **NEW RULE – Liga 7 teams can dribble in 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.
- **NEW RULE 2021/22 - Liga 3-7 goalkeepers cannot throw the ball directly into the opposition half. If the ball lands in the opposition half without contact with a player an indirect freekick is awarded on the halfway line. We encourage all teams to drop off and encourage playing out from the defence.**

Back Passes

- Pass backs cannot be picked up
- An indirect free kick will be awarded for any deliberate pass back picked up
- **NEW RULE 2021/22 - For the first time in Liga 3-7 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 STAY IN THE SAME HALF BOTH HALVES (THERE SHOULD BE NO ADVANTAGE). SUBS ARE STILL TO BE MADE IN THE DEFENDING HALF.

Head Height

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

Uneven matches

- If there are 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.

Referees

- A coach from each team is to referee each half. The first few weeks be lenient with the kids and help them understand the rules.

Coaches Check List

- Bibs for substitutes (event of a colour clash)
 - Arrive 15 minutes prior to kick off
 - Follow venues guidelines
 - **Adhere to allocated fixture times**
 - All players to wear trainers and shinpads
- ENJOY THE MATCHES, RESPECT YOUR OPPONENT
- Home team to input match result to Russell on Whatsapp groups to assist with future tiering