

FUTSAL RULES

The main differences between five-a side football (soccer) and Futsal are summarised below

What's the difference?	
Futsal	Traditional English Five a Side Football
Five players on court – rolling substitutions	Five players on court – limited substitutions
Played to lines. Ball is returned to play with a 'Kick-In'	No By or End lines – use of rebound boards. Ball constantly in play
Use of wider and longer pitch	
All players allowed to enter penalty areas	Only Goalkeepers permitted to enter penalty areas
No height restriction on ball	Use of restriction on height of the ball
Use of Square Goals (3m x 2m) Use of Futsal ball (30 per cent reduced bounce)	Use of rectangular goals Use of Football – size 5 for adults
5 Foul Limit - No wall for Direct free Kick from ten metres after fifth Foul	Unlimited Fouls

The main differences are in the table. I have highlighted the main rules. These are not all the Futsal rules but the main ones you need to be aware

Goalkeepers

Goalkeepers are allowed to come out of and players are allowed to go into the penalty area (basically, anyone can go into the 'D' or goalkeepers area).

A goal clearance must be thrown out.

Kick-ins

In order to restart the game after a ball has gone out of play the ball is kicked back into play from the touchline and from corners. The ball must be placed stationary on the touchline and the feet of the player taking the kick-in must not cross the line. The 4 second rule - For kick-ins, free kicks, goal clearances and corner kicks - the player in possession of the ball has 4 seconds to restart play

ALL players MUST wear shin-pads and indoor training shoes.
Anyone without shin-pads or trainers will NOT be allowed to play.

Maximum squad size is 9 players

Rules will be further explained if needed on arrival at the tournament.