

## FIFA Futsal Laws vs. OCFL Regulations 2011-12

### Summary

The table below provides a quick reference when applying FIFA laws versus OCFL regulations.

Referees should read the official FIFA Futsal laws for full details, as the information presented here is an abbreviated summary.

[http://www.fifa.com/mm/document/affederation/generic/51/44/50/spielregelnfutsal\\_2010\\_11\\_e.pdf](http://www.fifa.com/mm/document/affederation/generic/51/44/50/spielregelnfutsal_2010_11_e.pdf)

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1	<b>The Pitch</b>	Varies from Gym to Gym.  See Gym court dimensions and markings on OCFL website.	Same as OCFL	Same OCFL
2	<b>The Ball</b>  Size #3 & 4 · Bounce: 55-65 cm on first bounce.	Size #4	Size #4	U6 to U12 Size #3 U13 up Size #4
3	<b>The Number of Players</b>  Minimum of 3 players to start and finish the match. One must be a keeper.  Maximum of 7 Substitutes.  Unlimited "Flying Substitution"	Same as FIFA except as follows  Goalkeeper substitutions can only be made when the ball is out of play and with a referee's permission.  Maximum of 9 Substitutes.  A player may not substitute with keeper until a stoppage in play.  A keeper from the bench may substitute with the keeper on the "fly"	Same as OCFL except as follows  1) 2 people of the opposite sex on the court at all times i.e. 2 women, 3 men, or 3 women and 2 men (referred to as the proper player combinations below).  2) If a team is not able to have the proper player combination the team will have to play short, there cannot be more than 3 men or 3 women on the field at anytime during the game.  3) If a player shows up at a later time, they are allowed to	Same as OCFL

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			<p>come on to fulfill the proper combination.</p> <p>4) If the team is caught with an improper player combination on the court (i.e. bad line change), the team will play short a player for 2 minutes. After the 2 minutes has elapsed the referee will allow the team to place a player to complete the proper combination. At that time, if the proper combination cannot be met, the team will have to play short.</p> <p>5) If during the course of the game a team is reduced to playing without the proper combination and can no longer place the correct combination of players (i.e. through injury or a player must leave), then the team must play short for the remainder of the game or until someone can go onto the court to complete the proper combination.</p> <p>6) If both teams do not have enough players to setup a proper combination, it will be up to the managers to decide whether to play short or to play 5 players of the wrong combination. If a dispute occurs, then both teams will</p>	

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			<p>play short.</p> <p>Examples:</p> <p>i) A and B have a game. A cannot start the game with the proper combination. They start the game playing one man short. 2 minutes after the start of the game A gets a player to fulfill the proper combination. The referee is to allow the player to come on. Now A gets an injury and can no longer fulfill the combination. A will play short. If A cannot start the second half with the proper combination A will have to play short.</p> <p>ii) If both A and B start the game with proper combinations, but A gets an injury during the game and can no longer have a proper combination, then they play short. If at the start of the second half, A still does not have the proper combination they will continue to play short.</p> <p>iii) A and B start the game OK. A has a bad line change. They are caught with an improper combination. The</p>	

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			referee sends the player off for 2 minutes. After 2 minutes A can place a player on the floor to have the proper combination. If they cannot, they continue to play short until they can.	
4	<p><b>The Players' Equipment</b></p> <p>Shirts (numbered), shorts, socks, protective shin-guards, and footwear with rubber soles.</p> <p><b>No Jewellery Permitted!</b></p>	<p>Same as FIFA except as follows</p> <p>Shirts must be OCFL provided.</p> <p>Hijab may be worn – see OSA guidelines</p> <p>Long sleeve and long pant “under armour” may be worn for religious reasons. Colour to match uniform, or black or white.</p>	Same as OCFL	Same as OCFL
5	<p><b>The Referees (Main and Second)</b></p> <p>Enforce the laws, apply the advantage rule, and keep a record of all incidents before, during and after game, stop game when deemed necessary.</p>	<p>Same as FIFA except as follows</p> <p>Not allow OCFL have two referees</p> <p>Referees must wear referee shirts that differ from teams colours in the following order of selection OCFL “teal” provided shirt, black, yellow.</p>	Same as OCFL	Same as OCFL
6	<p><b>The Assistant Referees and time keeper</b></p> <p>The third referee is the record keeper located at the timekeeper table and monitors time outs and accumulated fouls</p>	Not Applicable	Same as OCFL	Same as OCFL
7	<p><b>Duration of the Game</b></p> <p>Two equal periods of 20 minutes stopped time.</p> <p>Time shall be prolonged only to take a penalty kick.</p>	<p>Same as FIFA except as follows:</p> <p>Two equal periods of 25 minutes running time.</p>	Same OCFL	Same OCFL

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	<p>Time-outs: 1 per team per half; none in extra time.</p> <p>Halftime: Maximum 15 minutes.</p> <p>Time to be prolonged to allow a goal scoring opportunity to occur</p>	<p>Halftime: Maximum 5 minutes</p>		
8	<p><b>Start and Restart of Play</b></p> <p>Coin toss, with winner of coin toss choosing sides and loser kicking-off.</p> <p>Opposing team outside centre circle – 3m.</p> <p>Ball deemed in play once it has been touched and moves forward.</p> <p>The kicker shall not touch ball before someone else touches it</p> <p>Ensuing kick-offs taken after goals scored and at start of second half.</p> <p>A goal cannot be scored directly from a kick-off</p>	<p>Same as FIFA</p>	<p>Same as FIFA</p>	<p>Same as FIFA</p>
9	<p><b>The Ball In and Out of Play</b></p> <p>When it has wholly crossed the goal line or touchline. When a referee has stopped the game.</p> <p>When the ball hits the ceiling (Restart: kick-in at the place closest on the touchline to where the ball touched the ceiling).</p> <p>Touchlines and Goal lines are considered a part of the playing area.</p>	<p>Same as FIFA</p>	<p>Same as FIFA</p>	<p>Same as FIFA</p>

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10	<p><b>The Method of Scoring</b></p> <p>When the whole of the ball has passed over the goal line, between the goal posts and under the crossbar (except by illegal means).</p>	Same as FIFA	Same as FIFA	Same as FIFA except as follows: Mercy Rule Game continues but the scores is a 10-goal difference. All other rules and duties are enforced.
11	<p><b>Offside</b></p> <p>There is no offside in Futsal.</p>	Same as FIFA	Same as FIFA	Same as FIFA
12	<p><b>Fouls and Misconduct</b></p> <p><b><u>Direct Free Kicks:</u></b></p> <p>A direct free kick is awarded to the opposing team if a player commits any of the following seven offences in a manner considered by the referees to be careless, reckless or using excessive force:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• kicks or attempts to kick an opponent</li> <li>• trips an opponent</li> <li>• jumps at an opponent</li> <li>• charges an opponent</li> <li>• strikes or attempts to strike an opponent</li> <li>• pushes an opponent</li> <li>• tackles an opponent</li> </ul> <p>A direct free kick is also awarded to the opposing team if a player commits any of the following three offences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• holds an opponent</li> <li>• spits at an opponent</li> <li>• handles the ball deliberately (except for the goalkeeper within his own penalty area)</li> </ul>	Same as FIFA	Same as FIFA	Same as FIFA except as follows:  <b>ALL SLIDE TACKLES.</b> The restart shall be a direct free kick from where the offence occurred.

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	<p><b>NO SLIDE TACKLES</b>            At no time can a player, play the opponent by sliding on the floor to either tackle the opponent or tackle the ball away from an opponent. The restart will be a either a direct or indirect free kick from where the offence occurred based on the referees decisions</p> <p><b>Indirect Free Kicks:</b>            An indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team if a goalkeeper commits any of the following four offences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• controls the ball with his hands or feet in his own half of the pitch for more than four seconds</li> <li>• after playing the ball, he touches it again in his own half of the pitch after it has been deliberately kicked to him by a team-mate without an opponent playing or touching it</li> <li>• touches the ball with his hands inside his own penalty area after it has been deliberately kicked to him by a team-mate</li> <li>• 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</li> </ul> <p>An indirect free kick is also awarded to the opposing team if, in the opinion of the referees, a player:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• plays in a dangerous manner in the presence of an opponent</li> <li>• impedes the progress of an opponent</li> <li>• prevents the goalkeeper from releasing the ball from his hands</li> <li>• commits against a team-mate one of the nine offences penalised with a direct free kick if they are committed against an opponent</li> </ul>			

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	<p>• commits any other infringement not previously mentioned in Law 12 or in any other Law, for which play is stopped to caution or dismiss a player</p> <p><b><u>Cautionable offences</u></b>  Players shall be <b>cautioned (i.e. shown yellow card)</b> when:</p> <p>A player is cautioned if he commits any of the following seven offences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• unsporting behaviour</li> <li>• dissent by word or action</li> <li>• persistent infringement of the Futsal Laws of the Game</li> <li>• delaying the restart of play</li> <li>• failure to respect the required distance when play is restarted with a corner kick, free kick or kick-in (defending players)</li> <li>• entering or re-entering the pitch without the referees' permission or infringement of the substitution procedure</li> <li>• deliberately leaving the pitch without the referees' permission</li> </ul> <p>A substitute is cautioned if he commits any of the following four infringements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• unsporting behaviour</li> <li>• dissent by word or action</li> <li>• delaying the restart of play</li> <li>• entering the pitch by infringing the substitution procedure</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Sending off offence</u></b>  Players shall be sent off (<b>i.e. shown red card</b>) when:</p> <p>A player or substitute is sent off if he commits any of the following seven offences:</p>			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• serious foul play</li> <li>• violent conduct</li> <li>• spitting at an opponent or any other person</li> <li>• denying the opposing team a goal or an obvious goalscoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball (this does not apply to a goalkeeper within his own penalty area)</li> <li>• denying an obvious goalscoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick</li> <li>• using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures</li> <li>• receiving a second caution in the same match</li> </ul> <p>A substitute is sent off if he commits the following offence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• denying a goal or an obvious goalscoring opportunity</li> </ul> <p>A player or substitute who has been sent off must leave the vicinity of the pitch and the technical area.</p> <p>The team of the player sent off can substitute for that player after 2 minutes of playing time or after the opposing team scores a goal, whichever comes first.</p> <p>The substitute cannot come on until the ball is out of play and he has a referee's consent.</p>			
13	<p><b>Free Kicks</b></p> <p>Types: Direct free kicks and Indirect free kicks.</p> <p>Wall: At least 5 meters away until the ball is in play. Ball deemed in play once it has been touched. Time Limit: Kick must be taken within 4 seconds.</p>	Same as FIFA	Same as FIFA	Same as FIFA

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	<p>Restriction: Kicker cannot touch the ball again until another player has touched it.</p> <p><b><u>Accumulated Fouls:</u></b></p> <p>These refer only to the fouls mentioned in Law 12.</p> <p>Once a team has accumulated 5 direct fouls during a half (those accumulated in the second half continue to accumulate into extra time), from the 6th foul:</p> <p>Offending team shall not be allowed a defensive wall.</p> <p>Infringements committed within 10 meters of the goal line shall be punished with a direct free taken from the point of infringement or from the second penalty mark</p> <p>Infringements committed from 10 meters or further from the goal line shall be punished with a direct free kick from the Second Penalty mark.</p> <p><b>Procedure:</b></p> <p>Until the ball is kicked into play, all players other than the goalkeeper and kicker shall remain behind an imaginary line that is in line with the ball and parallel to the goal line.</p> <p>The goalkeeper shall remain in his penalty area at least 5 m away from the ball.</p> <p>The kicker must aim at the goal, with the intention of scoring.</p> <p>No other player may touch the ball until the ball rebounded from the goal post or crossbar, or has left the pitch or has been played by the goalkeeper.</p>			
14	<p><b>The Penalty Kick</b></p> <p>To be taken from the penalty mark on the mid-point of the 6-m-line.</p> <p>All players must be out of the penalty area, and the</p>	Same as FIFA	Same as FIFA	Same as FIFA

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	<p>players of the opposing team must also be at least 5m from the penalty spot.</p> <p>The kicker shall not play the ball a second time until another player has touched it.</p> <p><b>Kicks from the penalty mark</b> Competition rules may provide for kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the procedure stipulated below.</p> <p><b>Procedure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The referee chooses the goal at which the kicks will be taken</li> <li>• The referee tosses a coin and the team whose captain wins the toss decides whether to take the first or the second kick</li> <li>• The referee, the second referee, the third referee and the timekeeper keep a record of the kicks being taken</li> <li>• Subject to the conditions explained below, both teams take five kicks</li> <li>• The kicks are taken alternately by the teams</li> <li>• If, before both teams have taken five kicks, one has scored more goals than the other could score even if it were to complete its five kicks, no more kicks are taken</li> </ul>			
15	<p><b>The Kick-In</b></p> <p>To be taken in place of the throw-in.</p> <p>The ball is placed on the touchline before taking the kick.</p> <p>The kicker's foot not kicking the ball must be outside or at least on the touchline; if it crosses the touchline all of the way, into the pitch, the kick-in is given to the opposing team.</p> <p>The kick-in must be taken within 4 seconds; if it is not, the kick-in is given to the opposing team.</p> <p>The kicker cannot play the ball a second time until</p>	Same as FIFA	Same as FIFA	Same as FIFA

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	<p>another player has played it; infringement of this rule results in an indirect free kick to the opposing team from the point of the infringement.</p> <p>Players on the opposing team must be at least 5 m away from the point of the kick-in.</p> <p>Cannot score directly from a kick-in.</p>			
16	<p><b>The Goal Clearance</b></p> <p>To be taken in place of a goal kick.</p> <p>From inside the penalty area, the goalkeeper throws the ball into play.</p> <p>The ball is not in play until it has passed outside of the penalty area. If the goal clearance is received inside of the penalty area, the goal clearance shall be re-taken.</p> <p>A goal cannot be scored directly from a goal clearance.</p>	Same as FIFA	Same as FIFA	<p>Same as FIFA except as follows:</p> <p>Goal Keeper cannot throw the ball into opponent's penalty area. If it's thrown into the opponent's penalty area, a kick in from the nearest touchline at centre is given from where the ball crossed half.</p> <p>The goalkeeper shall not punt or drop kick the ball at any time. If the keeper does punt or drop kick the ball then an Indirect free kick shall be awarded at the nearest point at the edge of the penalty area by the non offending team .</p>
17	<p><b>The Corner Kick</b></p> <p>Ball placed on the corner-kick arc. If the ball is misplaced, the corner kick is re-taken.</p> <p>Kick must be taken within 4 seconds or a goal clearance is awarded to the opposing team.</p> <p>The kicker cannot play the ball a second time until another player has played it or an indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team from where the</p>	Same as FIFA	Same as FIFA	Same as FIFA

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	infringement occurred.  Players on the opposing team must be at least 5 m away from the point of the corner kick.  A goal can be scored directly from a corner kick.			