

# Very Simplified Futsal Laws – 2018

The game is comprised of two (2) equal 20 minute halves for U17 and older – may be shorter for younger players.

- Each team is allowed a single one minute TIME-OUT per half
- Time-outs are granted only when the team making the request has possession of the ball for a restart

Kick-off:

- All players must be in their own half
- Defenders must be a minimum of 3 meters away (outside center circle)
- The ball must be stationary in the center
- The referee gives a signal (whistle or verbal “play”)
- The ball must go forward
- A goal may NOT be scored directly from a kick-off

Kick-ins (following the ball exiting the court across a touchline):

- Kick-ins must be taken on or close to (within 24 cm from) the touchline at the point where the ball crossed the line
- The kicker must have his/her plant foot on or behind the touchline when striking the ball
- The ball may be played to the goalkeeper, but the goalkeeper may not play it with hands

Goal Clearance, a.k.a. Keeper Throw (following the ball crossing the goal line last touched by an attacker):

- The goalkeeper must throw or roll the ball from inside (anywhere inside) the penalty area
- The ball must leave the penalty area before it’s touched by a player from either team
- The goalkeeper who threw the ball, may not touch the ball again (with hands, feet, head or any part of the body) in the defensive half until it has been touched by an opponent.

Goalkeeper:

- May not play the ball with the hands when intentionally passed back from the foot of a teammate.
- Following a save and releasing the ball, may not touch the ball again (with hands, feet, head or any part of the body) in the defensive half until it has been touched by an opponent.

Opponents must be a minimum of 5 meters from all direct free kicks, indirect free kicks, penalty kicks, kick-ins and corner kicks.

Fouls: ALL OUTDOOR SOCCER FOULS APPLY, PLUS the following are also fouls:

- Slide tackling an opponent who has clear possession of the ball (except for the goalkeeper in his/her own penalty area).
- Charging an opponent, including shoulder-to-shoulder charging. Unavoidable shoulder-to-shoulder contact is allowed provided, in the opinion of the referees:
  - Both are simply playing for the ball and the contact is because of that fact, not because of one intending to initiate the contact with the other, and
  - The contact is not deemed as careless, as reckless or as using excessive force by the referees.

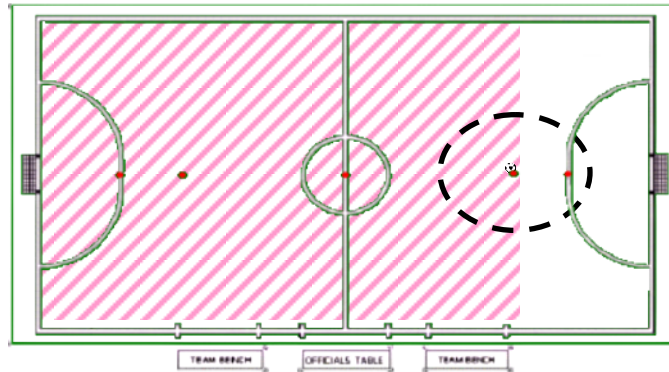
All DIRECT FREE KICK FOULS are ACCUMULATED FOULS, including DFK fouls when advantage is used regardless of whether the advantage is realized or not.

Any INDIRECT FREE KICK MAY be opposed with a WALL

The first five (5) DIRECT FREE KICK FOULS MAY be opposed with a WALL

Beginning with the sixth ACCUMULATED FOUL against a team, not only is NO WALL ALLOWED, all players (excluding the defending goalkeeper) must be even with or behind the ball and outside the penalty area, and all defenders at least 5 meters from the ball until the ball is kicked. The kicker must shoot directly on goal and the goalkeeper must be in his/her penalty area.

- If the 6<sup>th</sup> + foul by a team is committed in the area between the second penalty spot in team's defensive end and the opponent's goal line, the free kick is taken from the second penalty spot in team's defensive end.



- If the 6<sup>th</sup> + foul by a team is committed in the area between the second penalty spot in team's defensive end and the team's goal line but not inside the Penalty Area, the free kick may be taken from where the foul occurred or from the second penalty spot in team's defensive end. (If the foul is committed in the Penalty Area, it is a regular Penalty Kick.)

