

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Is the tournament for boys, girls and/or co-ed teams?

In the initial years of the annual Dixie DefrostSM Futsal Tournament, the amount of participation is expected to allow only "open" divisions, i.e. mostly boys with some girls playing with the boys although games will not be played by co-ed rules. When enough full girls teams register for the tournament, girls divisions will be added. Before then girls teams will have to play in the open division with boys teams.

2. What is the difference between U13, U14, U15, U16 and the U13-15 (MS) teams? What is the difference between U17, U18, U19 and the U16-19 (HS) teams?

U13, U14, U15 and U16 teams have only players of the same age on teams, unless a younger player is "playing up". U13-15 (MS) teams have players of U13, U14 and U15 ages mixed together on single teams like Middle School teams have. A U13, U14 or U15 team may choose to play in the U13-15 (MS) division, but a U13-15 (MS) team may only choose to play in the U15 division.

Likewise U17, U18 and U19 teams have only players of the same age on teams, unless a younger player is "playing up". U16-19 (HS) teams have players of U16, U17, U18 and U19 ages mixed together on single teams like High School teams have. A U16, U17, U18 or U19 team may choose to play in the U16-19 (HS) division, but a U16-19 (HS) team may only choose to play in the U19 division.

The choice of forming a single age specific team or a middle school or high school team containing multiple ages is a choice the players should make.

3. What is the date to determine age for brackets?

Dec 31st. See North Alabama *FUTSAL* League rules on the Rules page of www.nafutsal.org.

4. Do the socks have to completely match, reasonably match, or doesn't matter?

A team's players should wear matching uniforms, including socks. Jerseys must have numbers on them. Teams should do their best to wear completely matching uniforms with numbers or risk the chance of not being allowed to play because the lack of uniformity is expected to cause confusion. The decision of the Tournament Directors on this is final and cannot be contested.

5. Is there a fee reduction if have own insurance?

No. North Alabama *FUTSAL* will provide medical and liability insurance for participants in the tournament using the entrance fees paid by the teams. Already having insurance for sports activities does not change the costs to teams to play in the tournament.

6. What are the requirements for shirt numbers?

North Alabama *FUTSAL* requires that a distinct number between 1 and 99 within a team appear on the back of each player's jersey at least six inches in height and, optionally, on the front (jersey or shorts) with the same number, which shall be at least 4 inches in height, contrasting with the jersey color, and be clearly visible. Goalkeepers follow the same requirement but may display their player number only on his/her shorts instead.

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7. Once a GK properly clears the ball can he touch it again before an opponent touches it? If the ball crosses the halfway line, can the GK touch it again?

No, No, No! The answer is not related to where the ball is but to where the GK is. The current FIFA Futsal LOTG is not completely clear on this rule. So in layman's terms, the rule is this: Once a GK plays the ball to a teammate, he may not play or touch the ball again using any part of his body until the ball has been touched by an opponent or has gone out of play. This restriction only applies to the GK when he is in or returns to his defensive half of the futsal court. It does not apply if he joins the attack by being in the attacking half of the futsal court. When a GK breaks this rule, an IFK will be given to the opponents at the location where the GK touched the ball a second time, unless inside the Penalty Area, in which case the ball will be moved to the nearest point on the boundary of the Penalty Area. Correlated legal plays by the GK include: 1. immediately following a restart by a teammate of the GK, the GK may play the ball once. The limitations on the use of hands by the GK still apply, e.g. with a "pass back". 2. Immediately following a "steal" by a teammate of the GK, the GK may play the ball once. And 3. Anytime an opponent passes or shoots the ball, of course.