

## **Futsal**

This competition is conducted in accordance with the rules of the [Fédération Internationale de Football Association \(FIFA\)](#) except where these differ from Arc Sports rules; in which case the latter shall take precedence.

1. **Uniform requirements:**

1. Teams must wear matching coloured shirts.
2. Shin pads can be worn but not required
3. Comfortable sporting attire
4. Sports shoes/ futsal shoes. NO Cleats/ boots.

2. **Team size:**

1. There must be 6 players on the field. With at least two females.
2. Teams require a minimum of 6 players to enter the comp.
3. There is no maximum number of players a team can have but it is recommended not to exceed 10 people

3. **Substitutions:**

1. There are unlimited substitutions during play and this can occur at any time in the match. There should always be 2 females on the court.

4. **Game Play:**

1. A goal CANNOT be scored directly from a sideline kick in, an indirect free kick or a kick-off (starting or restarting a game)
2. The whole of the ball must cross the whole of the line for the referee to award a corner, goal, goal clearance etc.
3. There are NO off-sides.
4. Slide tackles are NOT allowed in a game of futsal by any players.
5. Goalkeepers are allowed to handle/ dive on the ball within their own goal circle.
6. Shoulder charging is NOT allowed.
7. Aggressive / Dangerous play is NOT allowed.
8. There is a 4 second time limit placed on all set plays (corners, free kicks, etc), this is to be enforced at the refs discretion.
9. Players must retreat 5 metres from the ball at all 'set' plays.
10. Referees ALWAYS have the final say in ALL match decisions, please accept those decisions and respect our officials and the sometimes difficult work they do.
11. Referees control games (if necessary) with YELLOW (caution) and RED (expulsion) cards.

5. **Match duration:**

1. All match time slots will be 30min long with 5 min changeover time between matches and 25 min of playing time.
2. Halve lengths will be approximately 12 min with no stoppage between halves. When 12 min approaches the teams on the field will swap sides at the next stoppage and restart from the centre. With the team who did not kick off the first half starting the second half.