

Royal Oak Futsal Game Rules

General Rules

- Teams play 5v5, 4 field players and a keeper
- No offside, no Heading, this refers to intentional playing the ball with ones' head.
- 25 min halves, running clock, 5 min halftime
- Players must wear indoor soccer shoes or tennis shoes, no cleats and shin guards

- Substitutions

-Unlimited substitutions, substitutions can be made at any time or "on the fly", player being subbed out must leave the court before the substitute enters, Failure to comply will result in an in-direct kick for the opposing team taken from the spot of the ball when the infraction occurs.

Kick Off

- Initial possession will be decided by coin toss at start of the game, winner may either choose to kick off or defer.
- Opposing players must give 10 feet distance until ball is in play, ball can move in any direction at kick off

Ball out of Play

-A ball kicked out over the touch line (side line) by one team becomes the other teams ball. Once the ball is retrieved and set, the team kicking in has 4 seconds to get the ball back into play or forfeit possession to the other team. Defense must give 10 feet distance until the ball is in play. The referee will give a visual count with his/her hand as to the correct distance. All kick ins are in-direct.

-When ball is kicked out over the end line (goal line) by the offense, it results in a goal kick. The Keeper has 4 seconds after retrieving the ball to put it back into play via a throw. After 4 seconds' ball is turned over to opponent as a corner kick. Players must refrain from entering the penalty area before the ball leaves the penalty area. Once the Keeper releases the ball, they may not touch the ball again until another player touches it first. Violation to any of these rules will result in a redo.

-When the ball is kicked out over the touch line (goal line) by the defense, it results in a corner kick. Ball is placed at the point where the touch line and end line meet. Opponents must maintain a 10-foot distance, players have 4 seconds after retrieving the ball to put in in play or its turned over to opponent.

-if the ball hits any overhead object, it results in a dead ball and a kick in from the nearest touch line by the team that did not last touch the ball.

Goal Keepers

- Keepers may only play the ball with their hands within the designated penalty area and has 4 seconds to put the ball back into play.
- Keepers may not use their hands when the ball is deliberately passed back to them by a teammate, but may play the ball with their feet at any time.

Fouls

-Futsal is a minimum contact sport. However, some contact may occur if it's done in a way not deemed careless, reckless, or excessive by the official.

-Slide tackling is not allowed, all field players must stay on their feet to the best of their ability, as determined by the official.

-Keepers may slide to make a save as long as every effort is made to make contact with the ball only.

-other actions resulting in fouls, but not limited to are:

- Kicking or attempting to kick an opponent
- Tripping or attempting to trip an opponent
- Jumping at an opponent
- Charges an opponent
- Strikes or attempts to strike an opponent
- Pushes an opponent
- Holding an opponent
- Spits at an opponent
- Handling the ball (except the GK in their own Penalty area)

-All above fouls result in an in-direct kick for the opponent at the spot of the foul.

-Defenders are required to give a 10-foot distance when defending an in-direct kick. Player has 4 seconds to put ball in play once ball is set by official or its turned over to opponent.

-Every 6th foul will result in a direct free kick by the opponent from the top of the penalty area of spot of the foul, whichever is more favorable.

- Handling the ball in the penalty area by a defender not designated as a Keeper will result in a penalty shot from the top of the penalty area.

- Defending team may not build a wall to block penalty shots and all penalty shots are direct. The player taking the kick must identify themselves to the official.

-If a player's play is deemed excessively reckless or dangerous and multiple fouls have occurred on that same player; at the officials' discretion, the player will be substituted out of the game and both player and coach are issued a warning. Player may re-enter the game at the coaches' discretion. If a player commits a foul again, player will be removed for the remainder of that half.

***It is the officials' role to maintain order and to insure the safety of all players and will do so to the best of their abilities. The league will hold a no tolerance policy regarding arguments with game officials by any adult in attendance including the coach. If the game official feels any adult has overstepped this policy, he or she will summon a league official and that person will be ejected from the venue.**