



## Arizona Soccer Association - ASA Whataburger Futsal Showcase: Rules & Regulations

### **FACILITY INFORMATION**

**Facility name and address:** Inspire Courts Address: 1090 N Fiesta Blvd, Gilbert, AZ 85233

**Facility Court Map:** [MAP LINK](#)

**Special Facility Rules:**

- **No Cleats allowed.** Futsal Shoes or footwear of canvas or soft leather training. Rubber shoes may not have black soles.
- **Outside food and drink is not allowed** (players may bring water only for hydration and there is a drinking fountain)

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Parking** – There is no fee for parking but there are spots clearly marked to not park in. Look to make sure any street signs for parking are observed. [Closest Parking](#)

**Spectator Entry** – There is no fee for spectator entry.

**Spectator Seating** – There is limited spectator seating by each court and primarily in the bleacher areas. Spectators are not permitted along the sidelines of the courts.

**Areas for warm up** - There will be limited time/space to warm up.

**Items provided by ASA:**

- Regulation Futsal Game balls (Do not bring any soccer balls for warm up or games)
- Game schedule
- Referee assignment & fees
- Athletic Trainer on site

**Items NOT provided by ASA:**

- Hydration

# **PLAYER REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES**

**Roster Regulations** - Each 12U, 13U, 14U team must provide a copy of their futsal roster 45 minutes prior to their first match. A GotSport roster or ASA official roster is permitted. You may cross off and hand write any changes and or add-ons. Only goalkeepers can play for multiple teams but this must be noted on your rosters.

- Maximum Roster Size 12 players per team
- Players may only play on one team with the exception of designated goalkeepers per age group.

## **SPIRIT OF THE COMPETITION**

- The event is not intended to be a results based event. The event is part of the Development initiatives that ASA supports with US Youth Soccer.
- Due to facility or court playing conditions, mentions of distance such as “5 meters” is an estimate and may be adjusted by the referee.

## **GENERAL MATCH RULES**

The game is played with two teams of 5 players each, one of whom must be a goalkeeper.

- There is no offsides in Futsal
- Goalkeeper shall not possess the ball within his/her own penalty area for more than 4 seconds when ball is in goalkeeper’s hands. Ball must be released within 4 seconds. Ball played by feet has no time restriction. There is no restriction within the opposing half of the pitch.
- Goalkeeper may not throw over halfway line. Ball may bounce before the halfway line or may be touched before the halfway line before advancing to the other half. Ball played by goalkeeper’s feet does not have a halfway line restriction.
- FIFA Futsal rules DO NOT apply to: “Once the GK plays the ball, they cannot touch the ball a second time in their own half unless it has been touched by an opponent.” For ASA futsal events, the GK will be allowed to play ball an unlimited amount of times to help team keep possession, even if opponent has not touched the ball. 11 v 11 Soccer rules apply to GK on a pass from a teammate meaning a ball intentionally played to the goalkeeper from his/her player’s feet cannot be picked up with their hands.
- 2 x 20 minute halves with 2 minutes for half time.

## **THE BALL**

- U12’s and under will play with a Futsal size 3 ball.
- U13’s and above will play with a Futsal size 4 ball.
- Arizona Soccer Association will provide the game ball.

## **SUBSTITUTION PROCEDURES**

- On the fly.
- The player leaves and enters the pitch via his own team’s bench area.
- The substitute only enters the pitch after the player being replaced has left.
- If a substitute enters the pitch before the player being replaced has left or, during a substitution, a substitute enters or leaves the pitch from a place other than his/her team’s substitution zone the referees may caution him/her for infringing the substitution procedure. Same rules apply for goalkeepers.

## **KICK-OFFS**

- The visiting team kicks off to start the first half, home team kicks off to start second half.
- A goal may not be scored directly from the kick-off. If done so, opponent team is awarded a goal clearance.
- The ball is in play when it is kicked and moves. Ball does not have to move forward.

## **GOALS**

- Goals can be scored from anywhere on the court.
- Goal does not count if directly on a kickoff.
- Goal does not count if directly on any in-direct kick.
- Goal does not count if directly from a throw by the GK.

## **OFFSIDES**

- There is no offside in futsal.

## **ENDING THE PERIODS OF PLAY**

- After hearing the referee's whistle or the timekeeper's acoustic signal the game is over (Unless an indirect or direct free kick has been awarded, in which case the period in question is extended until the kick has been taken)
- If the ball has been played towards one of the goals, the referees must also wait for the kick to end.
- During the last 30 seconds of the game the referee may stop the clock if a player or a team is deliberately time wasting.

## **BALL OUT OF PLAY**

- The ball is out of play when it fully crosses any of the boundary lines or if it hits the ceiling or any object not part of the field of play. If the ball hits the ceiling while in play, the game is restarted with a kick-in taken by the opponent of the team who last touched the ball. The kick-in is taken from the point on the touch line nearest to the place on the ground above where the ball hit the ceiling. If the ball hits a basketball support or other object that is not already out of bounds, a kick-in (if on the sideline), Goal Clearance (if closest to the goal line), or Corner Kick (if closest to the goal line) is awarded to the opponent of the team who last touched the ball.
- A ball that is inadvertently touched by an outside spectator while on the court of play will be deemed out of play.

## **THE KICK-IN**

- Opponent must be at a distance of no less than 5 m from the place on the touch line where the kick-in is taken.
- The ball must be stationary and kicked from the point where it left the pitch. The referee may allow a ball to be slightly moving or not placed directly on the out of bounds line if there are obstacles on the court that prevent such to occur.
- Player must deliver the ball within four seconds of being ready to do so.
- A kick-in is an indirect kick and a goal cannot be scored directly.
- If, when a kick-in is taken, an opponent is closer to the ball than the required distance the kick-in is retaken by the same team and the offending player is cautioned, unless the advantage can be applied or an offence punishable by a free kick or penalty kick is committed by the opposing team of the player taking the kick.

- For any other infringement of the procedure for the kick-in the kick-in is taken by a player of the opposing team.

## **THE GOAL CLEARANCE**

- A goal may not be scored directly from a goal clearance.
- The opponents must be on the pitch and outside the penalty area of the team taking the goal clearance until the ball is in play. Teammates of the GK taking the goal clearance are not required to be outside of the penalty area prior to the ball being put in play. However, if a teammate touches the ball from the goal clearance and is within the penalty area, the clearance is retaken.
- The goalkeeper of the defending team takes the goal clearance within four seconds of being ready to do so. If the goal clearance is not taken within four seconds an indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team, to be taken from the penalty area line at the place nearest to where the infringement occurred.
- The ball is in play when it is thrown directly out of the penalty area by the goalkeeper of the defending team. If the ball is not thrown directly out of the penalty area from a goal clearance, the clearance is retaken.
- Goalkeeper cannot throw the ball over the halfway line unless it touches the court or another player first. If done so, an indirect free kick from the center line at the approximate location where it crossed is awarded to opposing team.

## **THE CORNER KICK**

- A goal may be scored directly from a corner kick.
- The opponents must be on the pitch at least 5 m from the corner until the ball is in play.
- The team taking the kick must deliver the ball within four seconds of being ready to do so.
- If, when a corner kick is taken, an opponent is closer to the ball than the required distance the corner kick is retaken by the same team and the offending player is cautioned.
- If the corner kick is not taken within four seconds a goal clearance is awarded to the opposing team.

## **DIRECT FREE KICKS**

- Are those penalized with a direct free kick or penalty kick.
- The referees may allow play to continue by applying the advantage if the team has not previously committed seven accumulated fouls and the opposing team is not denied a goal or an obvious goal scoring opportunity. (\*)
- If they apply the advantage, the referees will indicate an accumulated foul as soon as the ball is out of play.
- All opponents must be at least 5 m from the ball until it is in play.

## **INDIRECT FREE KICKS**

- A goal can be scored only if the ball subsequently touches another player before it enters the goal.
- If an indirect free kick is kicked directly into the opponent's goal, a goal clearance is awarded.
- All opponents must be at least 5 m from the ball until it is in play.
- An indirect free kick conceded in the penalty area is taken from the penalty area line at the point nearest to where the offence was committed.

## **DIRECT FREE KICKS BEGINNING WITH THE SEVENTH ACCUMULATED FOUL BY EACH TEAM:**

- Accumulated foul rule is removed from the event.

## **INFRINGEMENTS AND SANCTIONS TO DIRECT AND INDIRECT FREE KICKS**

- If the team taking the free kick takes more than four seconds the referees award an indirect free kick to the opposing team, to be taken from the place where play was to be restarted.

### **AN INDIRECT FREE KICK IS AWARDED TO THE OPPOSING TEAM IF A GOALKEEPER COMMITS ANY OF THE FOLLOWING OFFENCES:**

- Controls the ball with his hands or feet in his own half of the pitch for more than four seconds.
- Touches the ball with his hands inside his own penalty area after it has been deliberately kicked to him by a teammate.
- Throws a goal clearance past the halfway line without touching the court or a player.

### **FOULS PENALIZED WITH A DIRECT KICK**

A direct free kick is awarded to the opposing team if a player commits any of the following offences in a manner considered by the referees to be careless, reckless, or using excessive force:

- Kicks or attempts to kick an opponent, trips an opponent, or jumps at an opponent.
- Charges an opponent.
- Strikes or attempts to strike an opponent.
- Pushes an opponent.
- Tackles an opponent.
- Holds an opponent.
- Spits at an opponent.
- Handles the ball deliberately (except for the goalkeeper within his own penalty area).
- Slide tackles an opponent (\*).

### **FOULS PENALIZED WITH AN INDIRECT KICK**

An indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team if:

- Goalkeeper controls the ball with his/her hands or feet in his/her own half of the pitch for more than four seconds.
- Impedes the progress of an opponent.
- Prevents the goalkeeper from releasing the ball from his hands.

### **YELLOW CARD**

A player or substitute is cautioned if he/she commits any of the following offences:

- Unsporting behavior.
- Dissent by word or action.
- Foul Language
- Persistent infringement of the Futsal Laws of the Game.
- Delaying the restart of play.
- Failure to respect the required distance when play is restarted with a corner kick, free kick or kick-in (defending players).
- Leaving, entering, or re-entering the pitch without the referees' permission or infringement of the substitution procedure.

## **RED CARD**

A player or substitute who has been sent off must leave the vicinity of the pitch. A player or substitute is sent off if he/she commits any of the following offences:

- Serious foul play.
- Violent conduct.
- Spitting at an opponent or any other person.
- Denying the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball (this does not apply to a goalkeeper within his own penalty area).
- Denying an obvious goal scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures.
- Receiving a second yellow card in the same match.
- Spitting at an opponent or official
- Racial, sexual orientation, or other discriminatory language

### **Red Card Policy**

- ASA's Red Card Policy applies to Futsal matches.

### **PLAYERS AND SUBSTITUTES SENT OFF**

- A substitute player may replace a sent-off player and enter the pitch two full minutes after the sending-off, provided that he has the authorization of the referee, unless a goal is scored by the opposing team before the two minutes have elapsed, in which case the substitute player may enter the field of play.

## **REFEREES**

### **The authority of the referees**

Each match is controlled by referees who have full authority to enforce the Futsal Laws of the Game in connection with the match to which they have been appointed.

### **Powers and duties:**

- Enforce Laws of the Game.
- Ensure that any ball used meets the requirements of the game.
- Ensure that the players' equipment meets the requirements of the rules.
- Keep a record of the match.
- Stop the match, at their discretion, for any infringements of Laws of the Game.
- Allow play to continue until the ball is out of play if a player is, in their opinion, is only slightly injured.
- Ensure that any player bleeding from a wound leaves the pitch. The player may only return on receiving a signal from the referees, who must be satisfied that the bleeding has stopped.
- Allow play to continue when the team against which an offence has been committed stands to benefit from such an advantage and penalize the original offence if the anticipated advantage does not ensue at that time.
- Punish the more serious offence when a player commits more than one offence at the same time.

- Punish the more serious misconduct when a player commits more than one act of misconduct at the same time.
- Take disciplinary action against players guilty of caution-able and sending-off offences. They are not obliged to take this action immediately but must do so when the ball next goes out of play.
- Ensure that no unauthorized persons enter the pitch.
- Provide the appropriate authorities with a match report, which includes information on any disciplinary action taken against players and/or team officials and any other incidents that occurred before, during or after the match.
- The decisions of the referees regarding facts connected with play, including whether or not a goal is scored and the result of the match, are final. The referees may only change a decision on realizing that it is incorrect.

**OTHER INFORMATION:**

Hydration and meals are not provided by ASA.