



Dawson Creek Adult Soccer League

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Summary of Futsal Rules and DCASL Amendments

FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game has 17 Laws, they are briefly summarized below. The DCASL follows all laws as stated within the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game, except where DCASL amendments have been noted within this document in red font.

Rules unique to the game of Futsal and absent in outdoor soccer/football Laws of the Game are noted within with a side-bar comment **** Unique Futsal Rule ****, for easy reference for new players.

Please note there is no offside rule in Futsal.



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FUTSAL LAWS OF THE GAME

Law 1 - The Pitch

- Rectangular gymnasium measuring minimum 25m (length) by 15m (width), maximum 42m x 25m,
 - First Penalty mark at 6m, second penalty mark at 10m,
 - Penalty Area is a 6m arc surrounding each goal,
 - Goals measure 3m (width) by 2m (height) by 1m (depth),
 - Substitution zones are 5m in length side player benches and located directly in front of,
 - Radius of centre circle 3m,
 - Opposing players must keep 5m back from corner kicks.
 - (DCASL - size of pitch and line markings based on existing size and markings of/at gym being used)

Law 2 - The Ball

- Size 4 (62-65cm circumference), official Futsal ball; felt balls are NOT permitted.
- (DCASL - official futsal ball to be provided)

Law 3 - The Number of Players

- Two teams consisting of 5 players each, one of which is the goalkeeper,
- Maximum number of substitute players allowed is 7 per team,
- Unlimited substitutes are allowed during match play,
- Substitutes must stay in substitution area and enter in the substitution zone,
- If a substitute:
 - enters the pitch before the player being replaced has left the pitch,
 - play is stopped,
 - the substitute is cautioned,
 - the opposing team gets an indirect kick.
 - or the player being replaced leaves the pitch from anywhere other than his own team's substitute area then,
 - play is stopped,
 - the player is cautioned,
 - the opposing team gets an indirect kick.
- If one team has only three players the game is abandoned.
- ****Unique Futsal Rule**** In keeping with the co-ed spirit of the DCASL, each team must field a minimum of 1 female player at the start of the game. Failure by a team to field 1 female player after 10 minutes past the designated game start time will result in a forfeit. Teams may borrow one registered female player from another team if they are unable to meet this requirement at the start of the game.
- (DCASL - all rules within this law shall be followed)



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Law 4 - The Players' Equipment

- Players can not wear anything that may be dangerous to themselves or another player, including jewellery,
- Compulsory equipment includes: shirt, shorts, socks, shin guards, non-marking sole shoes,
- The goalie can wear long pants and knee pads,
- The goalie must wear a colored shirt easily distinguishable from the other players and referee,
- If an outfield player replaces a goalkeeper, he must wear a goalie jersey.
- (DCASL - all rules within this law are to be followed)

Law 5 - The Referee and the Second Referee

- Each match is controlled by a referee and a second referee, one located in each half of the pitch,
- In the event a referee and second referee disagree, the decision of the referee is final,
- The referee shall act as the timekeeper,
- The referee shall enforce the laws of the game.
- (DCASL - one referee to be provided; in the absence of a referee teams are to administer the Laws of the Game themselves in a fair and respectable manner)

Law 6 - The Timekeeper and the Third Referee

- Located off the pitch,
- Timekeeper controls play clock,
- Third Referee tracks accumulated fouls and records relevant game information.
- (DCASL - no timekeeper or third referee to be provided)

Law 7 - The Duration of the Match

- The match shall last two equal periods of 20 minutes,
- In the absence of a timekeeper the duration can be extended at the discretion of the referee to account for stoppages in play which occurred during the half,
- Each team is entitled to a one minute time-out during each half,
- Time-outs not used in the first half do not carry forward into the last half,
- Time-outs can only be requested by the team in possession of the ball and during a stoppage in play,
- The half-time interval shall not exceed 15 minutes.
- (DCASL - two 20 minute halves with extra time added for time-outs and injuries at discretion of referee and a 5 minute half time break; each team will have one 1 minute time-out available per half)



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Law 8 - The Start and Restart of Play

- Coin toss between team captains; winning captain picks side they will attack from, loser of coin toss will take opening kick-off. Winning captains team will kick-off at start of second half of the match,
- Teams switch sides at the half time break,
- Kick-offs restart play at the start of each half and after a goal has been scored,
- After a team scores a goal, the kick-off is taken by a player of the other team, kick-offs are direct kicks and a goal may be scored from a kick-off,
- To start play at a kick-off:
 - All players must be in their own half of the field,
 - Opposing team must be 3m from the ball until it is in play,
 - The ball must be stationary,
 - The referee must give a signal to start,
 - The ball must move forward,
 - The kicker may not touch the ball a second time directly after a kick-off; it must be touched by another player first (an indirect kick is awarded at the point of infringement if the kicker touches the ball twice in a row at kick-off).
- Drop ball restarts will occur where play has stopped and no infringements have occurred; the ball must touch the ground before a player touches it, if ball is touched prior to hitting ground the ball shall be dropped again.
- **** Unique Futsal Rule **** A free kick awarded to the defending team in its own penalty area may be taken from any point inside that penalty area,
- **** Unique Futsal Rule **** An indirect free kick awarded to the attacking team in the penalty area of the opposing team shall be taken from the penalty area line at the point nearest to where the offence was committed,
- **** Unique Futsal Rule **** A dropped ball to restart play after it has been temporarily stopped inside the penalty area shall be taken from the penalty area line at the point nearest to the position of the ball when play was stopped.
- (DCASL - all rules within this law shall be followed)

Law 9 - The Ball In and Out of Play

- The ball shall be deemed out of play when:
 - It completely crosses the goal line or touch line, whether along the ground or through the air,
 - Play has been stopped by the referees,
 - It hits the ceiling.
- The ball is in play if it rebounds off the goalpost or crossbar onto the pitch.
- **** Unique Futsal Rule **** When a ball hits the ceiling, play shall be started with a kick-in from the touchline nearest to the place on the ground where the ball hit the ceiling. The kick-in is taken by an opponent of the team that kicked the ball into the ceiling.
- (DCASL - all rules within this law shall be followed)



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Law 10 - The Method of Scoring

- A goal is scored when the whole of the ball passes over the goal line between the goalposts and under the crossbar, unless the ball was deliberately directed into the net using the hand or arm of an attacking player, including their goalie,
- The team that scores the greater number of goals during a match shall be the winner, if both teams score an equal number of goals or if no goals are scored, the match shall end in a draw.

- **** Unique Futsal Rule ** Goalies cannot score if they used their hand or arm to propel the ball directly into the other teams net.**
- (DCASL - all rules within this law shall be followed; ties/draws are allowed and there will be no overtime)

Law 11 - Fouls and Misconduct

DIRECT FREE KICKS

- A direct free kick shall be awarded to the opposing team if a player commits any of the following seven infringements in a manner considered by the referees to be careless, reckless or excessively forceful:
 - Kicking or attempting to kick an opponent,
 - Tripping or attempting to trip an opponent, either by sliding or by bending down in front of or behind him,
 - Jumping on an opponent,
 - Charging an opponent,
 - Striking or attempting to strike an opponent,
 - Tackling an opponent,
 - Pushing an opponent.

- A direct free kick shall also be awarded to the opposing team if a player commits any of the following four infringements:
 - Holding an opponent,
 - Spitting on an opponent,
 - Slide tackling, except for the goalkeeper in his own penalty area, providing that he does not endanger the safety of an opponent,
 - Carrying, striking or throwing the ball with one's hands or arms, except for the goalkeeper in his own penalty area.

- The direct free kick shall be taken from the place where the infringement occurred, unless the free kick has been awarded to the defending team in its own penalty area, in which case the free kick may be taken from any point inside the penalty area.

- **** Unique Futsal Rule ** The above-mentioned infringements are accumulated fouls.**
- **** Unique Futsal Rule ** No shoulder challenges or charges are allowed.**



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PENALTY KICK

- A penalty kick shall be awarded if a player commits any of the aforementioned infringements inside his own penalty area, irrespective of the position of the ball but provided that it is in play.

INDIRECT FREE KICK

- An indirect free kick shall be awarded to the opposing team if a goalkeeper commits any of the following offences:
 - **** Unique Futsal Rule **** After clearing the ball, he touches it again following a deliberate pass by a team-mate, before it has crossed the halfway line or been played or touched by an opponent,
 - He touches or controls the ball with his hands after it has been deliberately kicked to him by a team-mate,
 - **** Unique Futsal Rule **** He touches or controls the ball with his hands after he has received it directly from a kick-in taken by a team-mate,
 - **** Unique Futsal Rule **** He touches or controls the ball with his hands or feet in his own half for more than four seconds.
- An indirect free kick shall be awarded to the opposing team from the place where the infringement occurred, if, in the opinion of the referee, a player:
 - Plays in a dangerous manner,
 - Deliberately obstructs an opponent,
 - Prevents the goalkeeper from throwing the ball with his hands,
 - Commits any other infringement not previously mentioned in Law 11 for which play is stopped to caution or dismiss a player.
- The indirect free kick shall be taken from the place where the infringement occurred.

DEFENDING WALLS

- The players of the opposing team may form a wall to defend a free kick,
- All opponents shall be situated at least 5 m from the ball.

DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS

- Yellow and red cards may only be shown to players or substitutes,
- The referees are authorized to take disciplinary action from the moment players enter the pitch until the moment they leave it after the final whistle.

CAUTIONABLE OFFENCES

- A player shall be cautioned if he commits any of the following infringements:
 - Unsporting behaviour,
 - Dissent by word or action,
 - 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, kick-in, free kick or goal clearance,
 - Entering or re-entering the pitch without the referees' permission or infringement of the substitution procedure,
 - Deliberately leaving the pitch without the referees' permission.



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- A substitute shall be cautioned if he commits any of the following infringements:
 - Unsporting behaviour,
 - Dissent by word or action,
 - Delaying the restart of play.

SENDING-OFF OFFENCES

- A player or a substitute shall be sent off if he 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 obvious goal scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball (with the exception of a goalkeeper inside his own penalty area),
 - Denying an opponent moving towards the player's goal an obvious goal scoring opportunity by committing an offence punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick,
 - Using offensive, insulting or abusive language or gestures,
 - Receiving a second caution in the same match.
- A substitute shall be sent off if he commits the following offence:
 - Denying the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal scoring opportunity.

DECISIONS

- A player who has been sent off may NOT re-enter the play, nor may he sit on the substitutes' bench, as he is obliged to leave the vicinity of the pitch,
- **** Unique Futsal Rule **** A substitute player may enter the pitch two full minutes after a team-mate has been sent off, unless a goal is scored before the two minutes have elapsed, and the team that scored the goal has more players on the field than the team that has been scored against.
- Any act of simulation on the pitch that is intended to deceive the referees shall be sanctioned as unsporting behaviour.
- (DCASL - all rules within this law shall be followed)

Law 12 - Free Kicks

- Free kicks are either direct or indirect,
- For both direct and indirect kicks, the ball shall be stationary when the kick is taken and the kicker may not touch the ball a second time until it has touched another player,
- If a direct free kick directly enters the opponents' goal, a goal shall be awarded,
- A goal shall only be awarded for an indirect free kick if the ball touches another player before it enters the goal,
- All opponents shall be situated at least 5m from the ball until it is in play,
- **** Unique Futsal Rule **** When a defending team is taking a free kick from inside its own penalty area, all opponents shall remain outside said area. The ball shall be deemed in play immediately after it has left the penalty area.
- If, when a free kick is taken, an opponent does not observe the regulation distance the kick shall be retaken,



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- If, after the ball is in play, the kicker touches the ball a second time before it has been touched by another player, an indirect free kick shall be awarded to the opposing team from the place where the infringement occurred.
- (DCASL - all rules within this law shall be followed)

Law 13 - Accumulated Fouls

- **** Unique Futsal Rule **** The accumulated foul is a concept unique to Futsal, all of the below points are unique to the game of Futsal,
- Accumulated Fouls are those punished by a direct free kick as mentioned in Law 11,
- Beginning with the sixth accumulated foul recorded against either team in each half;
 - A penalty kick is awarded at the 10m penalty mark by the non-offending team,
 - The defending team's players may NOT form a wall,
 - The goalkeeper shall remain in his penalty area at a distance of at least 5 m from the ball,
 - All the other players shall remain on the pitch behind an imaginary line that is level with the ball and parallel to the goal line, and outside the penalty area, they shall remain 5 m away from the ball and may not obstruct the player taking the free kick,
 - No player shall cross the imaginary 10m line until the ball has been struck and starts to move,
 - The ball must be struck with the intention of scoring a goal, no passing,
 - Once the free kick is taken, no player shall touch the ball until it has been touched by the defending goalkeeper, rebounded off the goalpost or crossbar or left the pitch.
- (DCASL - all rules within this law shall be followed with the exception that the sixth and subsequent accumulated fouls must ALWAYS be taken at the 10m spot)

Law 14 - The Penalty Kick

- A penalty kick is awarded against a team that commits any of the infringements for which a direct free kick is awarded inside its own penalty area and while the ball is in play,
- The ball shall be placed on the 6m penalty spot,
- The defending goalkeeper shall stay on his goal line, facing the kicker and between the goalposts until the ball has been put into play,
- The players other than the kicker shall be situated,
 - On the pitch,
 - Outside the penalty area,
 - Behind or to the sides of the penalty mark,
 - At least 5m from the ball and penalty mark.
- The player taking the penalty kick,
 - Shall kick the ball forward with the intention of scoring,
 - May not play the ball a second time until it has been touched by another player
- (DCASL - all rules within this law shall be followed)



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Law 15 - The Kick-In

- **** Unique Futsal Rule **** A kick-in shall be awarded when the whole of the ball crosses the touch line, either along the ground or through the air, or hits the ceiling,
- The kick-in is an indirect kick and a goal can NOT be scored from a kick-in,
- A kick-in shall be taken from the place where the ball crossed the touch line,
- Shall be awarded to the opponents of the player who last touched the ball,
- The ball must be stationary and kicked back onto the pitch in any direction,
- The player taking the kick must be off the pitch or have part of one foot on the touch line,
- **** Unique Futsal Rule **** The defending team shall be at least 5m from the place where the kick-in is taken,
- **** Unique Futsal Rule **** The player taking the kick-in shall do so within four seconds of receiving the ball,
- The player taking the kick-in may not play the ball a second time until it has touched another player,
- The ball shall be deemed in play as soon as it enters the pitch.
- (DCASL - all rules within this law shall be followed)

Law 16 - The Goal Clearance

- **** Unique Futsal Rule **** The goal clearance is a concept unique to Futsal, all of the below points are unique to the game of Futsal,
- A goal clearance shall be awarded when the whole of the ball, having last touched a player of the attacking team, crosses the goal line either along the ground or through the air, and a goal is not scored in accordance with Law 10,
- The goal clearance is an indirect method of restarting play and a goal may not be scored directly from a goal clearance,
- The ball shall be thrown from any point inside the penalty area by the goalkeeper,
- Opponents shall remain outside the penalty area until the ball is in play,
- The goalkeeper may not play the ball a second time until it has been touched by an opponent or is returned to him by a teammate once it has crossed the halfway line,
- The ball shall be deemed in play when it is thrown directly out of the penalty area,
- If the ball is thrown but does not clear the penalty area, it shall be retaken,
- If the goalkeeper touches the ball a second time before it has been touched by an opponent or crossed the halfway line an indirect free kick shall be awarded to the opposing team from the place where the infringement occurred,
- If the goal clearance is not taken within four seconds of the goalkeeper taking possession of the ball, an indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team on the penalty area line, from the place nearest to where the infringement occurred.
- (DCASL - all rules within this law shall be followed)

Law 17 - The Corner Kick



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- Corner kicks are a direct method of restarting play and a goal may be scored directly from a corner kick, but only against the opposing team,
- A corner kick shall be awarded when the whole of the ball, having last touched a player of the defending team, crosses the goal line either along the ground or through the air, and a goal is not scored in accordance with Law 10.
- The corner kick must be taken within four seconds of the player taking the kick gaining control of the ball, if they take longer an indirect kick is awarded to the other team,
- Procedure:
 - The ball shall be placed inside the corner arc at the nearest corner,
 - The opponents shall remain at least 5 m away from the corner arc until the ball is in play,
 - The ball shall be kicked by a member of the attacking team,
 - The ball shall be deemed in play from the moment it is played and set in motion,
 - The kicker may not play the ball a second time until it has touched another player.
- (DCASL - all rules within this law shall be followed)

POINTS DISTRIBUTION

- Points will be awarded to teams after game play as follows:
 - 3 points for a regulation time win
 - 0 points for a regulation time loss
 - 2 points for s shootout win
 - 1 point for a shootout loss