



FIFDS Futsal Competition Rules

The FIFDS World Futsal events will be governed by the rules of FIFA with the following specific Relations FIFDS for their Championships:

20 -minute periods

Futsal matches comprise two periods each lasting 20 minutes of continuous playing time - the clock is not stopped throughout play.

Time outs

Teams are entitled to a one-minute time-out in each period. A team that does not request a time-out in the first half of the match is only entitled to one time-out during the second half. There are no time-outs in extra time.

Unlimited substitutions

A match is played by two teams, each consisting of not more than five players (a goalkeeper and four outfield players) and seven substitutes. There is no restriction on the number of substitutions that may be made during a match. Substitutions may be made at any time, whether the ball is in play or not, but only in the specially demarcated substitution zones.

Mosaic Down syndrome.

Each team may have two players with Mosaic Down syndrome. However, only one player may be on the pitch at any time. It is not necessary to have any players with Mosaic Down syndrome in the team. The Mosaic Player(s) must wear a different color shirt or jacket.

Replacement of sent-off players

A substitute player may replace a sent-off player and enter the pitch two full minutes after the sending-off. They may, however, enter the pitch before the two minutes have elapsed should their team concede a goal while a player down.

The goalkeepers

Goalkeepers have only six seconds in which to play the ball, with either their hands or feet, and may not touch it again if it has been deliberately played to them by a team-mate without an opponent playing or touching it. Goalkeepers are also now free to play anywhere on the pitch and throw the ball beyond the halfway line, which was not previously permitted.

Accumulated fouls and the second penalty mark

Accumulated fouls are those penalised with a direct free-kick or penalty kick, regardless of whether advantage has been played or not. If a team commits a sixth accumulated foul, the opposing side may take the subsequent free-kick awarded to them without a wall, either from the second penalty mark, which is positioned four metres behind the first, or from a position even closer to the penalty area if the foul was committed between the goal line and the second penalty mark.

**Two more things**

In Futsal, goals may not be scored directly from the kick-off in futsal and there is no offside.

Clothing and Equipment Regulations

There are no specific clothing and equipment regulations imposed by INAS or the LOC for the Championships.

All players **MUST** wear shirt, shorts and socks in accordance with FIFA Laws which includes rules for advertising on shirts.

NOTE: All teams should carry additional shirts/shorts in case players are required by the referee to change because of damage or blood caused through an injury.