



Ohio Northern University – Youth Futsal Tournament OFFICIAL RULES

The Field:

- Approximately 30 yards long x 18 yards wide (No Walls)
- It's a rubberized, multipurpose floor. (Indoor soccer shoes or running shoes are recommended – NOT turfs or cleats)
- Regulation size futsal goals will be used. There will be an area marked off in front of the goal for keepers to use their hands. Keepers should wear long sleeves and pants (and may want to bring elbow and hip pads).

The Ball:

- Futsal Ball. It's made with a special "bladder" that does not allow the ball to bounce.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- **Admission Policies – All Day Passes (come and go):**
 - **Adults - \$5, Students \$2**
 - **Players and Coaches are Free (must check in when they arrive)**
 - **Everyone who attends will receive 1 FREE RAFFLE TICKET – there will be several raffle drawings throughout the day and some GREAT PRIZES.**
- **Other activities that we have planned throughout the day:**
 - Speed Shot – how fast can you shoot a soccer ball?
 - Juggling Contest
 - ONU Soccer Fan Shop – purchase discounted ONU Soccer apparel
- **All Teams must have at least ONE ADULT (25 or older) on the bench at all times.**
- A first aid kit will be on site but an athletic trainer and medical staff will not be. **OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY INJURIES THAT OCCUR WHILE IN THE TOURNAMENT.**
- **"Coolers are NOT Permitted inside the Sports Center" per Ohio Northern University guidelines.** There will be drinking fountains available near the fields, as well as a concession stand with drinks (Gatorade and Water) snacks, food, etc.
- Inclement Weather– Please call 419-772-2458 in case of inclement weather. We will continue to update the voicemail message with the latest information. We will do everything we can to conduct the tournament and may even delay the first few games or have an abbreviated schedule. If you believe it is not safe to travel, please use good judgment. If the tournament is altered due to weather, 25% of all team fees will be refunded.
- Proper shin guards **MUST** be worn at all times.
- **Extremely rough play (consistent fouling), dissension, and foul language will NOT be tolerated.** The player will be subbed for the first offense, and will be dismissed from the tournament for a 2nd offense – no exceptions.
- All games will be started **PROMPTLY**. Please make sure your team is ready to take the field when the previous game ends. There will be some space off to the side to warm-up and stretch.

SCORES / STANDINGS / CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES:

Teams will be awarded 3 points for a win and 1 point for a tie.

At the end of the round robin, all ties will be broken in this order (including three way ties):

- Head to Head Competition
- Goals Against
- Goal Differential (The maximum a team can win by is 4 goals)
- Coin Toss

OVERTIME PROCEDURES (for championship games): There will be a 5-minute GOLDEN GOAL period - If the game remains tied, there will be a penalty kick shootout. 3 players from each team will shoot, and then, sudden death, until a winner is determined.

The Rules:

REMINDER: This event is designed to be fun for everyone involved. All teams should compete to the best of their ability, but please remember that the tournament is being run for the enjoyment and skill development of everyone involved.

General Rules:

There are 4 field players and a Goal Keeper (GK).

Roster Size Limit of 8 players.

No offside.

20 minute games - teams will go the same direction for the entire game. Running clock. Round Robin games may end in a tie.

Substitutions:

Free substitutions are made "on the fly". Player can only enter or leave the game in the substitution areas marked by their respective benches, and a player may only enter a game after the player they are replacing has left the field. Failure to do so results in a caution and an indirect free kick is taken from where the ball was situated when the game was stopped to caution the player.

Kickoff:

Opposing players must give 5 yards until ball is in play. Kick off may go in any direction.

Ball Out of Play:

Kick in - A ball kicked out over the touch line (side line) by one team becomes the other team's ball.

Defense must give 5 yards distance. Goals cannot be scored directly from kick-ins (they are all indirect)

If the ball hits the ceiling, a kick in is taken at the closest point on the nearest touchline.

Goal Clearance (Futsal for goal kick). / Goalkeeper Rules:

When the offensive team puts the ball over the end line or in the goal, the other team gets the ball.

The goalkeeper must restart the play with hands or feet.

The goalkeeper cannot throw or kick the ball past midfield (it must be touched by another player on the field before it reaches the midfield line).

The penalty is a Direct Free Kick from midfield for the opposing team.

Corner Kick:

To be taken at the point where the goal line and touch lines meet.

Fouls and Misconduct:

Futsal is a minimum contact sport. However, some contact may occur, as long as it is done in a legal manner. It cannot be done by play that is careless, reckless, or with excessive force. Any foul results in a Direct Free Kick.

Slide Tackling / Sliding:

Slide tackling is allowed in futsal under certain conditions, if in the opinion of the referee:

- 1) No opponents are nearby, a player may slide to intercept or direct the ball. No foul results.
- 2) The slide is dangerous to an opponent, but no contact is made. Dangerous play foul results in an Indirect free kick.
- 3) Contact is made with an opponent in a careless, reckless or excessive force manner (or if referees believe that such contact could have resulted). This results in a Direct Free Kick.

Slide Exceptions:

The GK is allowed to slide in an attempt to clear the ball, if in referees' judgment; the slide is an attempt only to make contact with the ball, not the opponent. If GK slide is at least careless (a foot in air, a hook, rolling tackle) it is a foul and possibly a cardable offense. A field player may slide in instances where there is not an opponent close by and no injury is likely to occur. This would most likely happen when a player is attempting to stop the ball from going out of bounds or an offensive player sliding to knock the ball into the goal where there is not another defensive player close to the play. Players and coaches should use this general rule, if you slide near a player, assume a foul may be called.

Free Kicks and Kick Ins:

Opponents must stand at least 5 yards from the ball.