



Sport & Social Club General Rules

SCORE REPORTING

- Team captains are responsible for reporting the scores after your game through the SSC website. Teams have a 48-hour window to report scores after the completion of the game. Please be timely with your score reporting so league standings can remain updated for playoff positioning.

STANDINGS/SCHEDULES

- Players can view league schedules and standings by logging into your player profile and clicking on 'Schedule and Standings'.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- All players must be added to the team roster by the team captain. This process confirms that all players have agreed to our policies and online waiver.
- Substitute players are allowed; however, they must be added to the team roster. Adding a substitute player from another team in the same league is allowed, however, regular/consistent use of a substitute player in the same league is considered unsportsmanlike and not encouraged.
- For a player to be eligible for a playoff game, the following criteria must be met, or the team will default the game:
 - Be on the SSC online team roster.
 - Play a minimum of two regular season games in a 6–10 week season, or three regular season games in an 11–14 week season.
 - Play for only one team per league/pool in playoff games. If a player plays for two teams, the second game will be defaulted.

DEFAULTS

- A default will occur if a team cannot field a squad by 15 minutes after the official start time. If a team does not meet the standard eligibility requirements, team captains must confirm the outcome prior to starting the game. Captains may agree to waive the rules regarding eligibility requirements. If it is agreed that the game counts, it counts! In the event there is a default dispute, and the game was played, the SSC ruling is that the game counts.
- In the event of inclement weather, follow our SSC foul weather policy available on the website and the sport specific instruction below.

ROUGH PLAY & PLAYER CONDUCT

- It is recognized that incidental contact between players is inevitable – however, all players should go out of their way to avoid creating unsafe play.
- Any unsportsmanlike conduct may result in immediate expulsion from the league. This includes, physical or rough play, verbal abuse, damage to facility property and/or loss of facility permit. Fighting will result in immediate expulsion from the league. View our complete Unsportsmanlike Conduct policy on our website.
- Drinking alcoholic beverages, use of drugs and smoking at your game site before, during, or after your game is strictly prohibited. Offenders will be asked to leave the league without refund. No Exceptions.

GAME COORDINATOR (GC) ON-SITE SSC LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVES

- A Game Coordinator (GC) presence is dependent on sport, season, and/or facility locations. They are not referees, as all games are self-officiated. They are on-site to be a neutral supporter of both teams, clarify rules, manage equipment, start/stop games, and to inform players of league news.
- A Game Coordinator may stop a game before the full time has expired due to overly aggressive play, persistent unsportsmanlike conduct, or a general violation of the rules of the game.

Sport & Social Club Futsal Rules

OBJECTIVE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Futsal is a five-a-side game, played on an indoor court with soccer nets using a specific Futsal ball (size 4 ball that reduces bounce). The objective is to score on the opposing net.
GAME LENGTH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Games are 55 minutes in length with a 5-minute stop for halftime. Games start and end according to your online SSC schedule. If games start late, games must finish at the scheduled time (e.g. 6:15pm-6:55pm).
EQUIPMENT (MANDATORY)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teams are required to bring a size 4 Futsal ball to every game. Futsal balls may be available to rent through SSC. A refundable deposit is required, payable through online registration. Equipment is provided for the All-Sorts-of-Sports League. Captains are responsible for ensuring that nets are placed appropriately in the goal area. Teams should bring both light & dark coloured t-shirts to help distinguish opponents. Players must wear non marking soled shoes, and are encouraged to wear shin pads covered by long socks.
PLAYERS ON COURT & GENDER RATIO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teams are comprised of 5 players on the court (4 players and 1 keeper). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mixed Gender Leagues: Teams must always play with a minimum of 1 man and 1 woman on the court. The goaltender position is gender neutral. Single Gender Leagues: Teams must always play with the same gendered players on the court. Open Gender Leagues: There are no minimum gender requirements. Players participate freely without restrictions existing as to how many players of each gender are on the court. A team can play with a minimum of 4 people, as long as the gender requirements are met for the specific league. Non-binary players count towards the team's roster count. In mixed gender leagues, their team must still meet the minimum gender requirements on the court. Captains may agree to waive the rules regarding minimum players and gender ratio before the game starts. A default for the match will occur if any team cannot field a squad 15 minutes after the official start time (unless otherwise agreed by both captains).
GAME & COURT SET-UP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Futsal nets will be set up by SSC or facility staff upon the arrival to your game. Games are played on a basketball sized court. Futsal is played to the outside court lines (walls are not used). A ball that goes outside the court lines or hits the wall / ceiling / obstacles is considered out of bounds and responded to with a kick in. Team captains should meet before the start of the game to review court lines as well as defining the goal crease. Teams are responsible for keeping score and time. Often an SSC Game Coordinator is on-site and will offer to keep score for the game. To start the game, teams should decide who is awarded the kick-off. The opposing team will then start the second half with the ball. The game begins with the ball being passed back to a teammate before crossing centre line.
GENERAL GAME RULES	<p>Standard futsal rules apply to all SSC games. Notable exceptions are listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are no restrictions (apart from the ceiling of the gym) as to how high the ball can be kicked in Futsal. Player substitutions can be made at any time and ensuring the player has left the court before a new player joins the play. Keepers must wait for a stoppage in play before substituting for an alternate keeper. All free kicks and side kick-ins are indirect. To score off an indirect kick, the ball must be touched by another player (offense or defense, but not the keeper). This is a modification of the original rule to deter players from blasting the ball at the goal in an attempt to hit the ball off the goalie and into the net. If a ball is kicked out of bounds along the sidelines, an indirect kick-in is awarded to the opposite team. There will be no throw-ins at any time. The ball should be placed on sideline where it left the court. The player must have both feet on or outside the sideline. If a kick-in attempt results with the ball never entering the court, the play is retaken. If a ball is kicked out of bounds along the goal line by the offence, an indirect goal kick is awarded to the defending team. If a ball is kicked out of bounds along the goal line by the defense, a corner kick is awarded to the attacking team. A corner kick is not a 'free kick', therefore a goal can be scored directly from a corner-kick.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a 4 second time limit placed on all set plays (corners, free kicks, etc). • Players must retreat 3 metres from the ball at all 'set' plays. • The whole of the ball must cross the whole of the line for it to be deemed a corner, goal, sideline kick or goal clearance etc. • There are no offsides. • Slide tackling is not allowed under any circumstances. • Teams may call a 1-minute time-out if needed, except in the final 10 minutes of play.
GOALIE CREASE & GOALKEEPER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In most cases, the 'three-point' line on the basketball court will be used to define the goalkeeper's crease. • On a goal kick, the goalie must place the ball 5 steps out from the centre of their net. If the court has basketball key lines the ball is placed within this zone. • Goalies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ May only use their hands to touch the ball within their own crease in front of the net. ○ Cannot control the ball with their hands for more than 4 seconds before releasing. ○ Are allowed to handle the ball from a pass back or kick in; however, must only use their feet. ○ Can only slide within the confines of their own penalty area. Sliding feet first toward an opponent is illegal and considered a dangerous play. ○ May not score a goal by throwing the ball. • If goalie handles the ball outside of the crease, a penalty kick (direct) is awarded to the opposing team. The penalty kick is taken from the top of the crease, and the goalie must remain on the goal line.
VIOLATIONS & MAKING CALLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is inevitable incidental contact may occur among players. However, any aggressive contact such as pushing and shoving is not allowed (you should not touch any other player with your body at any time on purpose and should do your best to avoid unnecessary contact). • A handball infraction occurs when the ball hits a player's arm from the elbow down (as opposed to the shoulder). • It is extremely important that all players make the appropriate calls for infractions and illegal plays. The offending player should call their own infractions, however any player that is currently on the court can make a call. • When a foul is called, play must stop as there is no 'advantage'. • If an infraction is called, the non-offending team receives an indirect kick where the infraction occurred. • If a disagreement cannot quickly be resolved, the two team captains should meet at the middle of the court (without any other players) and discuss a resolution.
PLAYOFFS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A game can end in a tie during the regular season. In the playoffs, a game that is tied at the end of regulation time is decided by best of 3 penalty kicks. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Three players from each team will take one shot each at the distance of ten paces. ○ Only the players on the field at the end of the game can participate + the goalie that finished the game. The order of shooters must be maintained. ○ After three shots, if it is a tied result, teams continue taking single shots until one team has scored (and the other team does not). • Playoff games should only be 50 minutes in length in anticipation of needing the extra time to settle a tie. • Team playoff position: Ties in the standings will be broken first by head-to-head play. If there are more than 2 teams that are tied, all the teams must have played each other in order for the results to go to head-to-head. Otherwise, least points against, then +/-, then most points for will determine the placement in that order. • The SSC office will update the playoff schedule once all scores have been submitted and after the last regular season game. Please do not assume the time/location of your playoff game until team names have been posted into the schedule.

REMEMBER... ALWAYS HAVE FUN!