

Laws of the Game for the Russell Futsal League 2012-2013

Law 1: The Pitch: Full Gym (20m BY 30m)

Law 2: The Ball: A low bounce Futsal Ball is used, when dropped from above the head, the ball should bounce to about knee level, with a small 2nd bounce and no or minimal 3rd bounce.

Law 3: # Of Players: maximum 5 (including the goalkeeper) a team must field a minimum of 3 players. Substitutions are made on the fly; the substitute may not enter the field until the player being replaced has left. Keepers may also change on the fly but the new keeper must be distinguished as a keeper. A substitute who enters the field of play without following the proper procedure shall be cautioned. Substitutions must take place at the bench area.

Law 4: Equipment: The same as outdoors.

Law 5: The referees: In Futsal there are two referees, the Referee and the 2nd Referee. Both referees have the same powers, in case of disagreement on any call the Referee will have the final word. The referee is responsible for recording the goals and fouls and reporting the game via E-mail. The referee will also report the name of the 2nd referee. Note: Some games may have only one referee.

Law 6: The Assistant Referees: Does not apply to the Russell Futsal League.

Law 7: The Duration of the Match: All games 25 minutes running time with no half time, games must start within 5 minutes of the scheduled time and must end on the hour. If you start the game late you will have to shorten the halves (e.g. 2X 23). In the Russell Futsal League teams do not change ends. If the ball is in the air when time expires, the whistle only goes after the ball has entered the net or this direct phase of play ends (e.g. the goalie makes the save). Each team is allowed ONE time-out per game.

Law 8: Start and Restart of Play: Kick-Off - The ball is in play when it is kicked and moves forward (note parallel is considered forward). A goal MAY NOT be scored directly from the Kick-Off. The opponents must be 3 metres away on a Kick-Off. On all other re-starts the opponents must be 5 metres from the point where the restart is taken.

4 Second Rule: On all restarts (except the kick-off and penalty kick) the team has 4 seconds to put the ball back in play. The keeper has 4 seconds to release possession of the ball **AT ALL TIMES** whether at a restart or during any possession during active play. Once the keeper has played the ball, the keeper may not play the ball again until the ball is touched by an opponent except if the keeper plays the ball in the opponents half. For U-10 the RFL will use a 6 second count.

Law 9: Ball in and Out of Play: The same as outdoor except if the ball hits the ceiling or any overhanging basketball nets, a Kick-in is awarded to the opponent of the team that last touched the ball. The Kick-In is taken from the point on the touch line nearest to where the ball contacted the obstruction.

Law 10: The Method of Scoring: If the team scoring the goal has an extra player(s) on the field when they score, the goal is disallowed, the extra player(s) is/are cautioned and play restarts with an indirect free-kick

from any point in the Penalty Area. If play is restarted before the referees are aware that an extra player(s) was on the field the goal stands. Goalkeepers May Not throw the ball directly into the opponent's goal.

Law 11: Offside: There is no offside in Futsal

Law 12: Fouls and Misconduct: Same as outdoor, **EXCEPT:** the team of the player shown a Red Card plays short one player for 2 minutes. If the team playing short-handed is scored on they may put on a substitute. The player shown the Red Card may not participate in the remainder of the game and must leave the vicinity of the pitch. **EXCEPT:** Less tolerance is shown for what constitutes a legal charge. **EXCEPT:** A player who slide tackles within the playing distance of an opponent shall be penalized by a direct free kick if contact with the opponent is made or the referee considers the slide careless, by an indirect free kick if contact is not made. Special attention shall be paid to players sliding into the keeper. Keepers are allowed to slide within the playing distance of an opponent as long as they are in the Penalty Area and they are sliding at the ball and not the player.

Law 13: Free Kicks: Accumulated Fouls: In Futsal a team is only "permitted" 5 fouls in a half, when a team commits their 6th foul and any subsequent foul in the half the opponent is awarded a Direct Free Kick from the 10 metre penalty mark. The guilty team may not form a wall and all players must be behind the imaginary 10 metre line and 5 metre from the ball. The player taking the kick must attempt to score and no other player may play the ball unless the ball has touched the keeper, the crossbar or the posts. If the 6th (or subsequent) accumulated foul occurs inside the imaginary 10 metre line but outside the penalty area (in the offending teams end) the team has the option of taking the kick from the 10 metre mark or where the offence occurred. When Direct Free kicks for accumulated fouls are awarded the keeper does not have to remain on the goal line. The keeper may approach to within 5 metres of the point where the kick is to be taken.

Law 14: The Penalty Kick: Is taken from the 6 metre mark. All players except the kicker must be behind the ball and be 5 metres from the ball. The keeper must remain on the goal line until the ball is touched.

Law 15: The Kick-in: When the whole of the ball crosses the touch-line (or hits the ceiling or other obstruction) a kick-in is awarded to the opponents of the player who last touched the ball. A goal may not be scored directly from a Kick-in. On the Kick-In the ball must be stationary on the touch line at a distance of no more the 25cm (10 in) from where the ball left the pitch. The kicker's feet must be on or behind the touch line.

Law 16: The Goal Clearance: When the whole of the ball has crossed the goal line (and a goal has not been scored) and was last touched by an attacker a goal clearance is awarded. The ball is in play when is thrown directly out of the penalty area by the goalkeeper of the defending team. The keeper may not throw the ball directly into the opponents net.

Law 17: The Corner Kick: When the whole of the ball has crossed the goal line (and a goal has not been scored) and was last touched by a defender a corner kick is awarded.

Russell Futsal League Exception to the Laws:

Keepers may not punt the ball.

Signalling and Positioning will be discussed.