

The Toronto Eagles Soccer Club Indoor House League Rules - Futsal

AGES U-7 and Above

- The playing court will be the gym court at each location. 2 penalty spots are marked on the court. 1 is drawn 20 feet from the midpoint of the goal posts; the 2nd is drawn 35 feet from the midpoint of the goal posts.
- The Ball – Futsal
- A match is played by 2 teams each not consisting of more than 6 players, minimum 4 (3 plus a goalkeeper).
- Playing time is 2 --- 25 minute halves. Substitutions are done at each 5th minute interval.
- Goalkeeper must be switched at half time. The 1st half goalkeeper can only enter the game after 5 minutes of the second half.

For U11 and up goalkeeper switch is optional.

For U11 and up boundary touchlines are used, no wall play will be allowed.

- Each player shall play a minimum of 50% of the total playing time.
- Uniforms are mandatory to distinguish teams.
- All free kicks are indirect except for the accumulated fouls.

An indirect free kick is 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 within the penalty area.

ACCUMULATED FOULS

- ▶ Are those punished by a direct free kick...
- ▶ The first five accumulated fouls committed by each team during each half are recorded in the summary of the match.
- ▶ If extra time is played (playoffs & tournament), accumulated fouls from the second period remain valid. Any accumulated fouls during extra time are added to the team's total from the second period.
- ▶ Accumulated fouls recorded on the first half, end at the termination of the first half, a new count begins again at the beginning of the second half.

Beginning with the six and subsequent fouls, the penalty will be taken from the second penalty spot, regardless where the foul was committed.

- The players of the opposing team may form a wall to defend a free kick.
- All opponents are at least 2 meters or 6 feet from the ball until it is in play.
- The player taking the direct free kick must kick the ball forward with the intention of scoring, a pass is not allowed.
- Players of the opposing team shall remain 2 meters or 6 feet from the ball while a penalty free kick is taken.

Accumulated Fouls are penalized as follows:

A direct free kick is awarded to the opposing team if a player commits any of the following six offences in a manner considered by the referees to be careless, reckless or using excessive force:

- ▶ kicks or attempts to kick an opponent;
- ▶ tackles or attempts to tackle an opponent, either by sliding or by bending down in front of or behind an opponent;
- ▶ jumps at an opponent;
- ▶ charges an opponent, even with the shoulder;
- ▶ strikes or attempts to strike an opponent;
- ▶ pushes an opponent.

A direct free kick is also awarded to the opposing team if a player commits any of the following five offences:

- ▶ holds an opponent;
- ▶ spits at an opponent;
- ▶ slides in an attempt to play the ball when it is being played or is attempted to be played by an opponent (sliding tackle), except for the goalkeeper in his own penalty area and provided that he does not play in a careless and reckless way or uses excessive force;
- ▶ touches the opponent before the ball when attempting to win possession;
- ▶ handles the ball deliberately, except for the goalkeeper in his own penalty area.

The above-mentioned offences are accumulated fouls.

*** A goal can be scored from a direct free kick (penalty)**

Indirect free kick

An indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team if a goalkeeper commits one of the following offences:

- ▶ After releasing the ball from his possession, he receives it back from a team-mate without the ball first having passed beyond the halfway line or without it having 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;
- ▶ he touches or controls the ball with his hands after he has received it directly from a kick-in taken by a team-mate;
- ▶ he touches or controls the ball with his hands or feet in his own half for more than four seconds.

An indirect free kick is also awarded to the opposing team, to be taken from the place where the infringement occurred, if in the opinion of the referee a player:

- ▶ plays in a dangerous manner;
- ▶ deliberately impedes the progress of an opponent when the ball is not being played;
- ▶ prevents the goalkeeper from releasing the ball from his hands;
- ▶ commits any other offence, not previously mentioned in Law 12, for which play is stopped to caution or dismiss a player.

The indirect free kick is taken from the place where the infringement occurred.

SENDING OFF OFFENCES

A player or a substitute is sent off and shown the red card if he commits any of the following offences:

- ▶ he is guilty of serious foul play;
- ▶ he is guilty of violent conduct;
- ▶ he spits at an opponent or any other person;
- ▶ he denies the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball (with the exception of a goalkeeper within his own penalty area);
- ▶ he denies an opponent moving towards the player's goal an obvious goal scoring opportunity by committing an offence punishable by an indirect;
- ▶ he uses offensive, insulting or abusive language or gestures;
- ▶ he receives a second caution in the same match.

CAUTIONABLE OFFENCES

A player or a substitute is cautioned and shown the yellow card if he commits any of the following offences:

- ▶ he is guilty of unsporting behaviour;
- ▶ he shows dissent by word or action;
- ▶ he persistently infringes the Laws of the Game;
- ▶ he delays the restart of play;
- ▶ he fails to respect the required distance when play is restarted with a corner kick, kick-in, free kick or goal clearance;
- ▶ he enters or re-enters the pitch without the referees' permission or infringes the substitution procedure;
- ▶ he deliberately leaves the pitch without the referees' permission.

* When the goalkeeper has possession of the ball, he or she can not punt it or drop kick it, the ball has to be released with his or her hands, a kick in will be awarded to the opposing team if this occurs.

* A goal kick or goal clearance; the goalkeeper is the only one who puts the ball in play with his/her hands, the ball must bounce on his/her half, if the ball is thrown beyond the halfway line, a kick in will be awarded to the opposing team.

* If the ball hits the ceiling while is on played, a kick in will awarded to the opposing team to be taken from the nearest point where it hit the ceiling.

* A game will not be abandoned by the referee if there are fewer than 3 players. The referee and coaches will combine players, making 2 opposing sides and play a game.

* Time outs will not be allowed.

- * Kick in replaces throws in
- * The convener will distribute game sheets at least 10 minutes before the match, he will also keep record of the score, accumulated fouls.
- * The referee enforces the laws of the game and his decision regarding facts connected with play is final.
- * The referee is the only one who has the authority to stop the time.
- * Basic Compulsory equipment of players is shirt/jersey, shorts, socks, shinguards (must be covered by socks) and indoor soccer shoes. Goalkeepers are the only ones allowed to wear pants.
- * Players are not allowed to wear any type of jewelry.
- * The clock will not be stopped when the ball goes out of play.

A GOAL MAY SCORE FROM A:

- * Kick off, corner kick, direct kick, penalty kick

A GOAL MAY NOT BE SCORED FROM:

- * A goal clearance (or goal kick), kick in , indirect free kick

THE FOUR SECOND RULE

* A team or a player who has possession of the ball at any restart of play (kick in, goal clearance, direct kicks) must put the ball in play within 4 seconds, otherwise the ball is awarded to the other team, in the case of the direct free kicks and goal clearance, and corner kick, an indirect free kick is awarded. The four second rule does not apply when the referee restarts the game on a drop ball.

* If future changes or revisions to these rules are to be made, teams officials will be informed in advanced in writing through an email or a letter.