

New York Futsal Winter League Rules 2018-2019

General

- Futsal is played with a ball that bounces less than a conventional football.
- When the ball goes out of play, play resumes with a kick-in.
- After half time, teams will NOT switch sides nor the bench or the court.
- There are no offsides.

Duration of matches

- Two halves lasting 20 minutes each, with a 5-minute break for half-time.
- The clock does not stop unless there is an injured player.

Time-outs

- Each team may request a one-minute time-out per game.
- Time-outs are 1 minute long.
- Teams may only call a time-out after notifying the referee and when they are in possession of the ball.
- There are no time-outs if a match goes to extra time.

Kick-ins:

- When the ball goes out of play, play resumes with a kick-in.
- Kick-ins must be made within 4 seconds after the ball is set up or they will go to the other team.
- The player must stop the ball completely using one hand. If the ball is set up with the foot it's called double kick and the kick in will be awarded to the other team.
- The ball can be placed on top of the line or behind the line, not pass the line.
- The player's feet can be on top of the line or behind the line but not inside the court.
- The opponent has to clear the area in front of the ball by 5 meters.

Goal Keeper's distribution:

- The GK can only hold the ball for 4 seconds.
- They are allowed to throw the ball from their area into the opposition half.
- If the ball is saved by the keeper, the ball is live and the keeper can: dribble, throw and punt it.

Team fouls:

- A count is kept of fouls penalized with a direct free-kick or penalty kick in each time period. These offenses are called "accumulated fouls".
- When a team commits a sixth accumulated foul, the opposing team is awarded a direct free-kick without a wall on the second penalty mark, which is situated behind the first penalty mark.
- If a match goes to extra time, the accumulated fouls from the second period continue to accumulate during extra time.