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FUTSAL RULES SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

The game of Futsal is the international 5-a-side version of the world game, and is enjoyable sport catering for players of all standards. There are Open, Mixed, Ladies and Junior competitions which you can be part of by forming your own team or joining one of our teams. The rules of Futsal are easy to follow, and the game is played on a court within marked lines with the aim being to keep the ball in the field of play.

THE TEAM

A team consists of five (5) players, one of whom will be the goalkeeper, with a maximum of five (5) substitutes. No team can start with less than three (3) players on field.

OFFICIALS

The centre will provide the referee who shall control the game, operate the scoreboard and act as timekeeper.

UNIFORMS

All teams must have matching coloured shirts by the third competition game. No player shall be allowed on the court in non-sporting footwear or attire.

GAME TIMES

The game consists of two eighteen (18) minute halves and sixteen (16) for juniors. All teams are expected to have paid their fee and be ready to play prior to their scheduled start time.

GAME FEES

It is the captain's responsibility to ensure that complete game fees are paid before the game, otherwise the game cannot commence and your team will be penalized 1 goal per minute until having paid the game fee.

BEHAVIOUR

For the enjoyment of all, games are expected to be played in a sportsmanlike manner.

FINALS

At the end of the competition there will be a finals series for the top four teams in each grade. To qualify for the finals, each player must have played at least five (5) of the minor round games after having paid registration fees.

COMPETITION POINTS

The position of each team in the competition shall be determined by the accumulated points awarded, based on the results of the games. The competition points shall be awarded as follows:

- 3 competition points for a win;
- 1 competition points for a draw;
- 0 competition points for a loss,

RULES

General

- FOUL SYSTEM - After fifth (5) foul in one half, every foul onwards will be a free kick that will be taken from the 10 meter line that is clearly marked on the court.
- Players must be three (3) meters either side of the ball when a free kick is being taken.
- Free kicks must be taken within five (5) seconds of the referee's calling of the free kick, or the free kick will be reversed
- No tackling from behind (through the legs) or slide tackling. Tackles from the side are allowed, providing the ball is won first with no forceful contact made with the opponent.
- Intentional handball = free kick (if inside the keepers area, penalty)/ Unintentional handball = Play on.
- Players can't touch the ball when they are on the ground.
- In order for a goal, a throw in or corner kick/goal kick to be awarded, the whole of the ball needs to cross the line. This is deemed by the match official.
- Players' legs cannot be lifted above hip height when trying to kick the ball.

Goalkeepers

- The goalie can't reach out of the "D" circle to pick up the ball. He can only handle the ball inside his designated area.
- Keeper has no limitation as to where he is allowed to go. He may leave his area and become a outfield player.
- Any foul made by the keeper outside the "D" is a free kick and a caution where need be. A foul inside the area will result in a penalty kick.
- Keepers must throw or roll the ball back into play from a goal kick or shot. They may, however, choose to roll the ball to themselves and use their feet to dispose of the ball.
- Keepers have five (5) seconds to get rid of the ball; otherwise an indirect free kick will apply for time wasting breach.

Substitutions

- A substitution can only be made when:
 - (i) Your keeper has possession of the ball,
 - (ii) A free kick is awarded,
 - (iii) Or in the event of a serious injury.
- The maximum number of substitutes in any one team is five.
- Each team is only entitled to three (3) substitute calls per half
- A player may not be substituted in the last three minutes of each half, except in the case of serious injury.

A DETAILED COPY OF THE RULES CAN BE OBTAINED UPON REQUEST AND SHOULD BE READ BY EACH PLAYER BEFORE COMMENCING A SEASON.