

Nxt Gen Futsal League Rules

General Rules

1. **Competition Format:** The competition will follow a league format.
2. **Team Composition:** Each team must consist of 5 players (4 outfield players and 1 goalkeeper) with a maximum of 7 substitutes.
3. **Game Duration:** Matches will be 25 minutes long with 5 minutes break in between matches.
4. **Timing:** There will be no stoppage time unless otherwise decided by the referees or tournament organisers.
5. **Substitutions:** Unlimited rolling substitutions are allowed. Substitutions must be made at the designated substitution zone.
6. **Uniforms:** Teams must wear matching jerseys. Goalkeepers must wear a colour that distinguishes them from outfield players and referees.

Match Rules

1. **Kickoff:** The match begins with a kickoff from the center circle. Opposing players must be at least 3 meters away.
2. **Ball in Play:** The ball is always in play unless it completely crosses the goal line, touchline, or the referee stops play.
3. **Fouls and Misconduct:** Standard futsal fouls apply. Accumulated fouls will lead to a penalty kick if a team exceeds 5 fouls.
4. **Goalkeeper Rules:**
 - Goalkeepers may handle the ball only within their penalty area.
 - Goalkeepers must release the ball within 4 seconds.
 - Goalkeepers cannot pick up the ball after it has been deliberately kicked to them by a teammate.
5. **Restarts:**
 - Kick-ins replace throw-ins. The ball must be stationary and placed on or behind the touchline.
 - Free kicks, goal kicks, and corner kicks must be taken within 4 seconds.

League Rules

1. **Scoring:** A win awards 3 points, a draw 1 point, and a loss 0 points.

2. **Tiebreakers** (if applicable): In case of teams being tied in points, the following criteria will apply:
 - Head-to-head result
 - Goal difference
 - Goals scored
3. **Code of Conduct:** Players, coaches, and spectators must adhere to fair play. Abusive language or unsportsmanlike behaviour will result in warnings, expulsions, or disqualification.

Equipment and Facilities

1. **Ball:** A standard size 4 futsal ball will be used.
2. **Footwear:** Players must wear indoor shoes with non-marking soles. No cleats or studs are allowed.
3. **Venue:** Matches will be held on indoor futsal courts. Specific court rules (e.g., regarding walls or boundaries) will be clarified before matches.