

# Grand Junction Soccer Club

## Adult (18 and older) Futsal Rules

Law 1 - The Pitch: See diagram attached

Law 2 - The Ball:

Provided by GJSC; #4 dead-weight futsal ball.

Law 3 - Number of Players:

5-10 players per team

Maximum 5 players on court, 1 must be designated goalkeeper.

Each team must have 4 players to start the game. Co-ed teams must have 2 male and 2 female players in order to start the game.

Minimum 3 players on court, 1 must be designated goalkeeper.

Substitute during play, player leaving must be off court before substitute enters. A time penalty of 2 minutes against any player for entering earlier, except goalkeeper, who must sub at a stoppage and within 6 seconds.

Time Penalties - Remember that the minimum number of players on the court is 3, so if you have additional time penalties, they are delayed until 1 or more of the previous penalties expire. Penalty time MUST be served. Each player must sit out their own penalty and may not be substituted for.

In the event that one or both teams do not have enough players to play a regular game, please contact the GJSC Staff member on duty immediately.

Law 4 - Players Equipment:

Shin guards are mandatory

Numbers not necessary, but players must have similar colored shirts

No jewelry

Casts with referee's approval

Shoes appropriate for gym floor (no cleats or black soled shoes)

**Goalkeepers must wear a headband**

Law 5 - Referees:

Official timekeeper

If a player is sitting out a penalty, they will keep their own time on the honor system.

Other duties same as outdoor

Law 6 - Linesmen: Not used.

Law 7 - Duration of Game: 2x 20 minute half's, 3 minute half-time. Games must start on time and will finish at scheduled time, no exceptions.

Law 8 - Start of Play:

Same as outdoor except replace 10 yards with 10 feet and the ball may be kicked either forwards or backwards on the first touch. **A goal may not be scored directly from kick off.**

Law 9 - Ball In and Out of Play:

Same as outdoor, except that if the ball hits any overhead object, an indirect free kick is awarded to the opponents of the team touching the ball last. The kick is taken from the center spot.

Law 10 - Method of Scoring: Same as outdoors

Law 11 - Offside: There is no offside in indoor soccer

Law 12 - Fouls and Misconduct:

The ten penal fouls are considered *Major Fouls*. The penalty for these is a 2 minute time penalty and an IFK to the opponents from the spot of the foul (except in the penalty area).

*Slide tackles are not allowed.* Penalty is a 2-minute time penalty, IFK to opponents.

Too many players on the court results in a 2-minute time penalty, IFK to opponents from center spot.

All other fouls are penalized with an IFK, other fouls are:

Keeper touches the ball with his/her hands after it has been deliberately kicked to him/her by a teammate

Keeper touches the ball with his/her hands after he/ she has received it directly from a kick-in taken by a teammate

Keeper touches the ball again with his/her hands after it has been released from his/her possession and has not touched any other player

Goalkeepers throw over midfield, punt or drop kick

Dangerous Play \*

Playing the ball while on the floor, regardless of where opponents are

Obstruction, also known as impeding\*

6 second rule - all re-starts must be taken within 6 seconds

Persistent failure to give 10 feet on re-starts \*

Goalkeeper 6 second rule

*\* These fouls may also carry a 2-minute time penalty at the discretion of the referee*

Cautions - Same as outdoors except player must serve the full 3 minutes of penalty (no sub even if the opponents score against the penalized team).

Send Off - Same as outdoor except player is replaced after the full 5 minute sit-out has expired (no sub even if the opponents score against the penalized team). *Player sent off may not return to the game and must sit out the next game.*

Bench Time Penalty - is given if someone on the bench does something deserving a caution or send off, then a player from the court must come off to serve the time penalty.

Delayed Penalties - Same as advantage in outdoor, except the referee will stop play when the guilty team gains possession of the ball or the play is over, and will then send the guilty player off to serve their time penalty (if deserved) and award the IFK.

Power Play Return - If one team is reduced by a 2 minute time penalty to fewer players on the court than their opponents, and the team having more players scores a goal, then the player sitting out the time penalty may return on each goal scored. If two players are out, the player with the most time served returns first.

Law 13 - Free Kicks:

All free kicks are indirect except penalty shot.

Referees do not use the raised arm signal. Any minor foul committed by the defending team in their own penalty area, IFK is taken by opponents at a spot on the penalty area line nearest the point of infraction.

All opponents must be at least 10 feet away in every direction from the ball at the time the kick is taken.

*Penalty - yellow card.*

When an IFK is taken from the edge of the penalty area by the attacking team, the defense is allowed to line up on the goal line between the goal posts.

Law 14 - Penalty Kick: Same as Outdoor

Law 15 - Throw-in: Becomes Kick-in

Same as IFK from spot on touchline where the ball left the court.

Opponents must be 10 feet away!

Taken by the team opposite of the team that last touched the ball.

Ball should be placed so that it is stationary on the touchline. Use common sense here.

**A goal may not be scored directly from a kick-in.**

Law 16 - Goal kick: Becomes Goal Throw

Ball is given to the goalkeeper who then has 6 seconds to throw the ball into play. If the ball is thrown over midfield without the ball touching a player or the floor (during the flight of the ball), a midfield violation will be called. Restart is an IFK at midfield.

**Goalkeepers may not distribute ball by a punt or a drop kick. Restart is an IFK at midfield. A goal may not be scored directly from a goal throw.**

Law 17 - Corner Kick:

Same as outdoors except:

You may not score directly

Kick is taken from corner spot

Opponents must remain at least 10 feet away from ball until the ball is in play

**GJSC reserves the right to make decisions to enable players to play.**

Law 18 - COMMON SENSE!!!!