

THE RULES OF FUTSAL

Futsal is one of the fastest growing areas of adult football around the world but how different is it from association football?

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Players



Futsal is played with 5 players per team, including a goalkeeper, and up to 9 substitutes. Unlimited substitutions can be made throughout a match and a substituted player can re-enter the game at any time

Time



2 x 20 mins



2 x time-outs

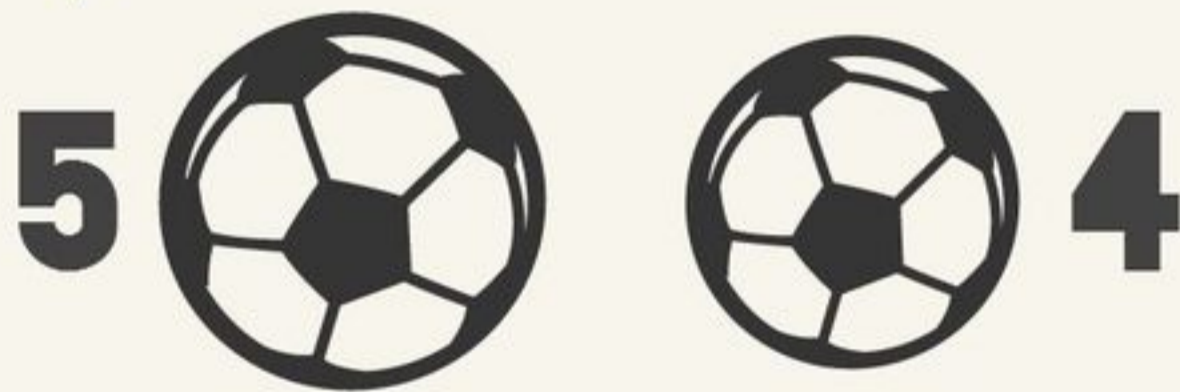
A match lasts for 2 periods of 20 minutes. The clock runs only when the ball is in play. Each team is entitled to a 1-minute 'time-out' in each half.

The Pitch



Matches are played on a flat, smooth surface (preferably wood or artificial material), either indoors or outdoors. There are 2 penalty spots - one at 6m and one at 10m from goal line

The Ball



The ball is 62-64cm in circumference (size 4) and has significantly less 'bounce' than standard 11-a-side ball

Fouls



Fouls are accumulated. The 6th foul in succession results in a direct free-kick on goal, usually from the 2nd (10m) penalty spot



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