

# 10 Basic Futsal Rules

1. A team consists of five players, four field players and a goalkeeper.
2. Goalkeepers are allowed to play the ball with their feet anywhere on the court, but can only use their hands within the goalkeeper arch.  
Goalkeepers can not pick up a pass from a teammate with their hands.  
Goalkeepers can not drop-kick the ball at any time.
3. There is no offside.
4. Games are started with a kickoff from the center circle.  
Play is also restarted after a goal with a kickoff.  
A player can not score from a kickoff.
5. The ball must entirely cross the sideline or goal line to be declared “out” or “goal”.
6. Out of bounds on the sidelines must restart with a kick in, with the ball set stationary by hand where it crossed the sideline.  
Defending players on a kick in must be at least 10 feet back from the ball.  
A player can not score directly from a kick in.
7. When the ball crosses the goal-line off of the attacking team, play is restarted with a “goal clearance”. Play restarts from the goalkeeper’s hands and must be thrown or rolled into play.
8. When the ball crosses the goal-line off of the defending team, play is restarted with a kick-in from the corner.
9. No slide tackling, shoulder-to-shoulder challenges, or otherwise dangerous play allowed.
10. Fouls inside the penalty area result in a penalty kick from the top of the goalkeeper arch.

